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GENERAL CONFERENCE NEWS

THE CHURCH AT LARGE WANTS SPECIFIC CHARGES, NOT VAGUE INUENDOES.

WASHINGTON TO BE A STORM-CENTER

Rev. J. M. Henderson Should Say all he Means—A Boomlet for Rev. T. W. Henderson, of Indiana—A Guess on the Slate—Recorder Taylor to be Banquetted at Harrisburg—The Riley Sensation Exploded—St. Louis a Mean Convention Town—Carson Picked for a Winner—Brooks' Defeat for Chaplain not a Surprise—The President's Patriotic Message—Miss Nahar's New Departure—Notes and Comment.

Washington, D. C., Special.

The General Conference of the A. M. E. church is coming on, and nowhere is greater interest manifested in the result of its deliberations than in Washington. It is but a short time until May, and as a large per cent of the delegates have already been chosen, popular sentiment is begininng to crystalize about a few of the distinguished members who hope for episcopal honors. Much interest is manifested in the selection of general officers, but a forecast as to chances on this score is next to impossible until the Bishopric contest has been decided. The columns of the race journals have teemed with well-seasoned communications bearing upon this subject, and if the conference goes astray, it will not be for the lack of advice or warning. Rev. John M. Henderson, of New York, has been especially prolific along this line, and many of his suggestions can be adopted with great profit by the assembled delegates. The chief criticism made concerning his contributions to the discussion, has been the want of specific application of vague and indefinite assertions and ominous forebodings. Dr. Henderson is a brave, conscientious christian gentleman, and indulges in a candor of expressions that is positively refreshing. But to the end that unjust suspicion may not attach to the good man who aspires to official preferment before this coming conference, and that the body may not be misled through ignorance of the truth, the able New York divine should call names and let the public closely into his confidence. If he dreams any of the leading candidates for the high office of Bishop is unfit, intellectually or morally, let him tell us just who he is talking about.

In these quiet days when sober judgement is possible, the serious problems confronting the great A. M. E. church should be given earnest thought and searching examination. If anyone knows a good reason why certain men should not be considered in the canvass for episcopal material, let him now speak—let him file plans and specifications of the alleged unfitness—or forever hold his peace.

Rev. T. W. Henderson, unquestionably the ablest theologian and business manager in the Indiana conference, and one of the best posted churchmen in the country, contributed an interesting and well-pointed letter to the Indianapolis World of recent date. He wisely urges the early sentiment of the Bishopric question, and adds that the election for these and the other officers should not be delayed beyond the end of the first week of the session if the conference hopes to do any business uninfluenced by personal ambition or political coloring. Dr. Henderson suggests some strong names for the Bishopric, paying high tributes to Drs. Derrick, Coppin, Armstrong, Embry and Townsend. Dr. Henderson's magnificent work at Indianapolis, coupled with a splendid record of thirty years in the ministry and brilliant success at St. Louis, Chicago and Springfield have brought him more prominently than ever before the church at large, and there is no doubt that he is marked for promotion. His friends are urging his qualifications for the editorship of the Christian Recorder, and from my knowledge of the man I have no hesitancy in saying that should he be chosen for that exacting position, his virile literary style, his broad grasp of the needs of the connection, his unflinching courage and his energetic business methods will awaken the echoes around the sleepy Quaker city, and cause a mighty rattling of dry bones in the vicinity of the Methodist print shop. This is what is severely needed, and with the pen in Henderson's hand, and the general management of the publishing department entrusted to a hustling layman, the stock of African Methodism will go up with a boom.

A concensus of opinion hereabouts centers upon the following as a conservative guess upon a part of the slate to be made up: For Bishops, Drs. W. B. Derrick, L. J. Coppin, J. C. Embry and J. H. Armstrong; for Secretary of Foreign Missions, Rev. J. M. Townsend; for editor Recorder and Review, (offices consolidated), Rev. T. W. Henderson; Church Extension, Dr. Shaffer to continue.

Washington will be the storm center of interest to the North and West about the first of May, as many will pass through here enroute to Wilmington, and will find in very convenient to stop off for a day. There is considerable sentiment favorable to Dr. J. T. Jenifer for Bishop or Financial secretary.

This time it was the "expected" that happened, as dispatches have long since informed you, the Negro condidate for chaplain was defeated in the caucus of House Republicans held on the 30th, ult. Notwithstanding that the Washington Post and the Negro press of the District and the Nation were a unit for Rev. Walter H. Brooks, that estimable gentleman received scant consideration at the hands of the party. He secured just exactly two votes out of a total of 231. Congressman Wanger, of Pennsylvania, placed Mr. Brooks in nomination, and made an earnest argument for his selection. The other Congressman who voted for the colored candidate was Mr. Walker. of Virginia. It may lead to a queer train of reflection to note that this Mr. Walker was the general who succeeded Stonewall Jackson in the command of the Confederate forces in the war of the rebellion. His generous action is a silent, but eloquent demonstration of the imitations of national politics. A Rev. H. B. Canden, a blind minister from Michigan, was the successful aspirant. Dr. Brooks take his defeat philosophically and declines to be interviewed.

The Republican National Committee has come and gone, and as the world knows, St. Louis has knocked the convention persimmon. St. Louis is chiefly noted for Negro prejudice, muddy water and hot June weather, and her claims were vigorously opposed by the Afro-American members of the committee. Party expediency and liberality of terms, however, turned the scales in favor of the "Mound City," and there the convention will set June 16th. It will be easy of access from the centers of Negro population, so on this score the selection has a redeeming feature. Promises are made that color discrimination will be wiped out during the convention, but the difficulty of carrying out such a promise to the letter is painfully obvious. The trouble does not lie with the first-class hostelries as the Southern Planters or Lindell, but with the low-priced houses and cheep tenaments suitable to the scanty means of the average sojourner. There is more prejudice in the $1 day house and 15 to 25 cents restaurant than can be found in any of the upper class places. The Negro usually manages to accommodate himself to his surroundings, so there is no doubt he will be very much in evidence at St. Louis, and will pull through all right.

The decision to elect delegates to the Republican National convention by the primary system, has been charged up as an anti-Carson victory, but the gallant Colonel goes on capturing meetings and stirring up more enthusiasm than ever. He is making no mistakes and keeps his following well in hand. Mr. Clarkson, of Iowa, has given Carson an unqualified endorsement, and it is well known that he enjoys the confidence of Messrs. Quay, Platt and other leaders of National politics. Messrs. Bailey, Key, Murray and Holland are still in the fight, but it looks very much as if Col. Carson will win in a walk when the round up is made.

The President's message, touching the Venezuelan boundary controversy, has captured the popular heart, and stirred American patriotism to its depths. It is a ringing declaration that our honor and manhood must be upheld at any cost, and an unanswerable argument in support of the famous Monroe doctrine. In this matter President Cleveland and the American people are a unit.

Hon. C. H. J. Taylor will be tendered a banquet during the holiday by a number of the leading citizens, white and colored, of Harrisburg, Pa. The mayor, members of the board of aldermen and city council, and prominent business men will participate in the exercises. The affair is purely non-political, and promises to be one of the most notable social functions ever held in Pennsylvania's capital. A party of Washingtonian's will probably accompany Col. Taylor on his trip.

NOTES.

Mrs. Amanda Smith, the noted preacher is conducting a revival at the Metropolitan A. M. E. church.

Howard University boasts of the "crack' foot-ball eleven of this vicinity.

A monument to the memory of the late Bishop Wayman will be erected in Baltimore.

The Washington Bee has withdrawn the name of William McKinley as its candidate for president.

The recent Waller benefit at the Academy of Music netted $80 for the family of the imprisoned American.

Hon. B. K. Bruce's cotton crop for this year is said to have yielded him $10,000. This beats office-holding if true.

William Porter, foreman of the Colored American composing room, has gone to Indianapolis to visit his parents.

Mrs. Lillie Henderson, of Indianapolis and Cincinnati, will be the guest of Editor and Mrs. E. E. Cooper during the holidays.

The law class of Howard University has two lady students, Misses Maria Jordan and Laura Arnold. Both are teachers in the public schools.

Mme. Sissieretta Jones appeared at the Metropolitan church Christmas Eve, supported by Sidney Woodward under the general direction of Charles S. Morris.

Paul Bray, step-son of ex-Consul Waller, has been given temporary employment in the post office department upon the recommendation of Congressman Curtis of Kansas.

Hons. G. W. Murray and H. P. Cheatham are in the city looking after their claims for seats in Congress. Murray is almost certain to be seated, and Cheatham may pull through.

The recent appearance of Prof. Will M. Cook, violinist and essayist, and Harry T. Burleigh of New York, baritone, before the Bethel literary, was an artistic and social success.

Hon. John R. Lynch proposes to test the constitutionality of the Mississippi election law. He was recently admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court of that state after a rigid examination.

S. E. Lacy, of the Recorder's office, is pushing the organization of a local branch of the proposed colored National League of American Wheelmen. A convention will be held next summer in Pittsburg.

Magmus L. Robinson, editor of the Leader at Alexandria, Va., across the river, announces himself as a candidate for delegate to the National Convention, to represent the Republicans of the Eighth District of Virginia.

Hon. N. Wright, Cuney, Texas' brightest Republican politician, was in town attending the meeting of the National Committee. Col. W. A. Pledger of Georgia, and Rev. H. C. C. Astwood of Harrisburg, Pa., were also here.

Dr. F. J. Shadd's elegant four-story residence at the corner of Ninth and P streets, is one of the best equipped homes in the city. It is valued at $20,000. Dr. Shadd was for several years on the staff at Freedmen's Hospital, and since his retirement has enjoyed an excellent practice.

Miss Ednorah Nahar has announced her intention of abandoning the field as a reader within a year, and will make a venture upon the legitimate stage. She believes that the outlook for the dramatic readers of the race is decidedly gloomy, and none but the best equipped can survive. She hopes to effect arrangements to star in a play written expressly for her, and dealing with a new phase of the social problem.

Public Printer Benedict is the colored people's friend. He has voluntarily reinstated a large number of colored employes who were displaced at the close of the last session. Last week W. T. Menard, the only Afro-American printer in the office, was assigned to the im-

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TEXAS M. E. CONFERENCE

ADJOURNS—BISHOP LANE'S LECTURE HEARTILY RECEIVED.

The Galveston Conference Also Adjourns—Appointments Made—A Prominent Woman's Demise—Other Notes of Interest.

Rt. Rev. Bishop Isaac Lane, D. D., of the C. M. E. church visits the Northeast Texas Conference of the M. E. church South, Bishop J. C. Keenan, D. D. L. L. D., presiding. Bishop Lane was promptly introduced. He addressed the conference in a heart-touching manner. He is traveling in the interest of Lane College. Jackson, Tenn. At the close of the lecture, led by Bishop Keenan and leading ministers of the conference, a collection of $56,56 was taken for his cause. Bishop Lane was invited to preach for the conference at 8 p. m. in the Christian church, which he did to a crowded house, and only four colored persons present. He took for his text, St. John 1:12: "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God." The Bishop dealt manfully and Christ-like with his subject, and carried his hearers by storms. I then imagined that they believed that a Negro could preach. The writer overheard one of the wealthiest ladies of the congregation say that she never heard a better sermon. A few gave the Bishop a small collection for his cause, making $58,56 for the day. The Bishop also met the Rev. Dr. Smith, who licensed him in the days of slavery. It was a social meeting for the brother in black, and the hoary-haired white brother. The Negro race should be truly proud of Bishop Isaac Lane as a representative of the race in the christian ministry, for he is an equal to any that mount the rostrum for Christ. God grant him a long life to bless his race and fallen humanity. At 7:30 the Bishop preached at his own church. He left on the 20th inst. Bishop Cottrell of the Mississippi Conference, before leaving said that he had now made up his mind why Texarkana was so wicked; its where Texarkana and Arkansas comes together—twin cities of two great states and two people, hence the reason.

Mrs. R. C. Mitchell, an eminent lady and teacher, died on the 15th very suddenly. Mr. Mitchell has lost a loving, amiable wife. The Texas Conference of the M. E. church, of which I am a member, convened in the city of Galveston in St. Paul M. E. church, Dec. 11th and adjourned the 18th, Bishop E. G. Andrews presiding. Rev. F. Gary, A. B., and his people deserves credit for the special care in which they cared for the conference. Collection $26.58. Presiding Elders of the conference are: Rev. C. C. Minagan, Paris District; Rev. W. H. Logan, Marshall District; Rev. W. A. Fotson, Palestine District; Rev. A. C. Culbreath, Huntsville District; Rev. W. Linn Duncan, Navosota District; Rev. Wm. Bartley, Houston District. All are good men and successful ministers. Revs. I. B. Scott, D. D., W. H. Logan, A. M., and F. Gary, A. B., were elected as ministerial delegates to the General Conference, also Prof. T. A. Fortson of Prairie View, State Normal school, and Prof. Jameison of Jefferson, were elected lay delegate; reserved ministerial, Rev. Wm. Bartley and Rev. E. Lee. Rev. W. Hartley Jackson was transferred to Texarkana for the second term as pastor.

W. HARTLEY JACKSON,

Texarkana, Tex.

Wedding Bells—Personals.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.

Miss Annie Kennedy is spending the holidays at home. Miss Gracie Lawdnes is in Columbia, S. C. Miss C. M. Pugh is on the sick list. Those who are anticipating a visit to the Exposition this week are, Prof. Wallace, Messrs. S. L. Heggie, S. W. Jordan, E. C. Wickliff, Misses Birdie Boisean, Alice Carter, K. M. Dauherty, Mary Sewell, Lenora Moore, and Dr. J. B. Dickson. Chattanooga has been very largely represented at the Exposition during the past three weeks. The Negro exhibit is worth the railroad fare alone. This is your last chance; don't miss it. On the 18th, inst., at the residence of the bride's parents, 214 Park avenue, Miss Ella Jordan and J. T. Wake were joined in the holy bonds of wedlock. J. M. Casterling best man, Rev. M. Vann officiating. The happy couple left on the first train for their future home in Dayton, Tenn. We wish them a long and happy career. Please leave your subscription at Dr. O. W. James' drug store this week without fail. The Emancipation program for Jan. 1st will be quite a grand affair at the First Baptist church.

Social Gathering.

Pine Bluff, Ark., Special.

The Junior Literary Society of Branch Normal College was called to order at 1:30 p. m., Miss Sarah Splight president. William Hodge chairman of the executive committee, read the following program, which was rendered: Song by the members of the society; declamation, Wm. Hodge; recitation, Alice Caruthers; recitation, Priscilla Nelson; declamation, S. S. Ashmore; recitation, Meritt Foster; declamation, "Mother's Story," DeWitt Bailey; declamation, "Value of Time," Miss Julia Johnson; declamation, S. L. Cook; essay, "Men Make Estates," M. B. Brownlee; declamation, Walter Rust; select reading, A. L. McElroy; declamation, J. J. Bruce; declamation, Dock Green; declamation, Miss Sarah J. Splight; declamation J. S. Scott. The Nashville Students under the direction and management of Prof. Wright eclipsed all the shows of the season. Prof. Lowery, the cornet soloist is great. Rev. King preached an eloquent sermon Sunday. The various Sabbath schools are preparing for entertainments next week. The public schools will have two weeks holiday. Prof. J. C. Smith is hustling for the success of the Odd Fellows' entertainment Dec. 30th.

FROM THE "QUEEN CITY."

R. C. O. BENJAMIN LECTURES—A WHITE MAN WHO DISGRACES

His Profession, Writes a Letter to the Mayor—A Competent Young Surgeon—Church and Lodge News—Personals.

W. Austin Goodman, a white rebel who disgraces the profession of a lawyer, wrote a letter to the Mayor requesting the removal of special officer John White because his "color" in the street was obnoxious to White ladies. The Mayor and Chief of Poliece are both to be commended for the wise stand taken in this case.

The lecture "Fools and Other People" by Rev. R. C. O Benjamin took like magic, the large and appreciative audience was held spell bound for fully one hour and a half. Dr. Benjamin, is logical, sound and convincing.

I. L. Oates conducts the neatest and most orderly tonsorial parlor and bath rooms to be found in the city, at the cor. of 5th and John streets.

The churches are assuming their usual Christmas foliage.

Allen Temple with Rev. James Gilmore as pastor, Mound street, pastored by Dr. H. D Prowd; while Rev. R. E. Wilson D. D., expounds the truth from the pulpit of St. Johns A. M. E. Zion. Rev. Horace Talbot in charge at Brown Chapel, Walnut Hills, Rev. R. D. Phillips, tells of the love of Jesus from the pulpit of the First Baptist church, Rev. Father Fessett of Cummingsville, Dr. George Wiatt of Carr street and Rev. Thomas Webb of Calvary Baptist Church; in fact all of the churches are arranging for a commemoration service on Chr'stmas morn.

Dr. Frank W. Johnson, a promising young physician and one of the most competent surgical operators in the city has been honored by the following lodges of United Brothers of Friendship as their medical examiner and the first colored examiner the lodge has ever had in the state: His membership is also with the Smith Rising Star Lodge and the Samuel J. Hunter.

Lynching.

There are many great questions facing the Negro in this, the Nineteenth Century, but the gravest of these is the lynching. It is easy to indulge in the illusions of hope and rejoice over what we have accomplished along some lines, but it is painful to contemplate the existing facts of misfortune and disaster. From every view of the barbarac precedent, we are able to take in the situation of the unjust treatment of the Negro in the South. The battle is on between two opposing forces, viz: Humanity and barbarity, and the conflict will not be ended until one or the other shall be adopted in every section of our country. What shall we do? Shall we allow the pages of our history to be dotted with shameful cowardliness or shall we like valient soldiers put on the armor of moral courage and wield the sword or the pen or tongue and win for ourselves and our posterity the peace and justice that every other American is heir to. There are forces and influences dormant which if converted into active force would be a power in working out this deliverance. Though these forces have been sleeping they are not dead. I do not assert that resolutions and agitation are the sole means of securing this justice, but I do assert that these with their attributes will be the power behind the throne. Race modesty, however trivial it may seem, is one of the prime elements to better the condition of the Southern Negro.

When race modesty is manifested with no touch of servility it is productive of intelligence and is as sure to win respect and co-operation as unfounded pretentions are to provoke and receive contempt, because Intelligence is bound too and will recognize intelligence. The work before us is to be accomplished in a great measure by our deportment and acquirements, that will contradict the charges of immorality brought to bear, and put to shame that narrow and malignant feeling. Our policy should be—to be united as a race, and united with the great mass of the American people and resolve to fall or flourish with our common country, neither withhlding our means nor keeping silent our tongues in the defence of justice and right to every American citizen. A. B. Baird,

Indianapolis, Ind.

The Colored Republican Club.

New York Special.

The Colored Republican Club held an interesting meeting Dec. 12, with Thomas Jarrett in the chair. After several interesting speeches were made by prominent members it was decided to hold mock congress. The different committees were appointed and reported Dec 16. The different members represented the following states: Samuel Moran, Kentucky; E. S. Flow, Oregon; L. D. Williams, Florida; James Elliott, S. J. Summer, Chas. White and Thomas Williams, S. C.; Thomas C. Reed and S. J. Slokly, N. J.; Robt. Gilmore and Wm. Lemmond, Penn.; Thomas B. McKell, Conn.; Alonzo Fry, W. Va.; C. H. Hard and and Thomas Jarrett, Va; W. Richardson, Maine; E. S. Corbin, better known as E. S. Scheaffer, the good state of Indiana: Geo. Garner and James Smith Congressmen at large. The club will continue these meetings during the winter and will no doubt prove very interesting. We will have more to say concerning the club in the future.

To the Pastor and Congregation.

As we know that there is a passage in Scriptures that reads: "Ask and it shall be given," and that is the reason we the undersigned, the "Young Men's Progressive Union" ask you as a body to vote a letter of thanks to be sent to the New York World for manufacturing the key that will eventually unlock the doors of the Courts of Justice to the Negro of the South against Judge Lynch.

The reason we take so much interest in the New York World is because of all the different papers in the United States, th s is the only one other than an Afro-American that has come to the rescue of the Negro in regards to mob and lynch law carried on in the South against the Negro.

Young Men's Progressive Union.
E. S. Schaeffer, Pres.
Chas. A. Parker, Vice-Pres.
Chas. W. Wright, Treas.
Edward C. Lomax, Sec'y.
Edward Peck, Assist. Sec'y

Helena Happening.

Helena, Ark., Special.

A. S. McAll died December 11th and was buried on the 12th. He was a Mason of high standing. Grand Master, M. A. Clark, of Marianna, and several brethren of the craft from sister lodges in the country attended the funeral services, which were approprially conducted by Dr. E. C. Morris at the A. M. E. church. All extend condolence to the berieved family. Frank Magruder was arrested on December 8th charged with having insulted a young white girl. He tried to make his escape from officer R. E. Lee, who fired two shots, one of which hit the prisoner in the leg. He was found guilty, fined $300 and three months imprisonment in the county jail. The Rev. J. W. Jackson, Presiding Elder of the Forrest City District, Little Rock Conference, M. E. church was in the city on the 10th and 11th holding his last quarterly conference. An infant grand child of Mrs. M. Marks was buried on last Monday by Rev. C. B. Spearman, P. C. I. S, Sanders and Miss M. F. McNeal. were married at the Centennial Baptist church December 12th. The church was crowded to its utmost capacity. Dr. F. C. Morris performed the marriage ceremony. Mrs. H. P. Morris presided gracefully at the organ, playing a beautiful wedding march. They had four bride's-maids and four groom's-men and two ushers. Over a hundred and fifty guests were invited. Rev. Dr. Morris and his esteemed wife deserve uninted praise for the collation served. Too much cannot be said in commendation of their untiring efforts to properly educate Miss McNeal, who lived with them as one of their family for several years. The presents were beautiful, useful and many "bon voyage,"

A tenant house, owned by A. W. Watson, was totally destroyed by fire and damaged the beautiful home of Mrs. Fannie Alexander.

The Japanese Wedding at the Helena Normal was quite a success, the proceeds go to pay for an organ for the school. Many thanks to Miss L. Parker for her untiring efforts and the students who assisted.

Rev. A. H. Miller attended a funeral on Monday in the absence of Dr. E. C. Morris from the Centennial church.

J. M. Alexander Jr. left Wednesday for Fake Station and other points on business for the Mosaic Templers.

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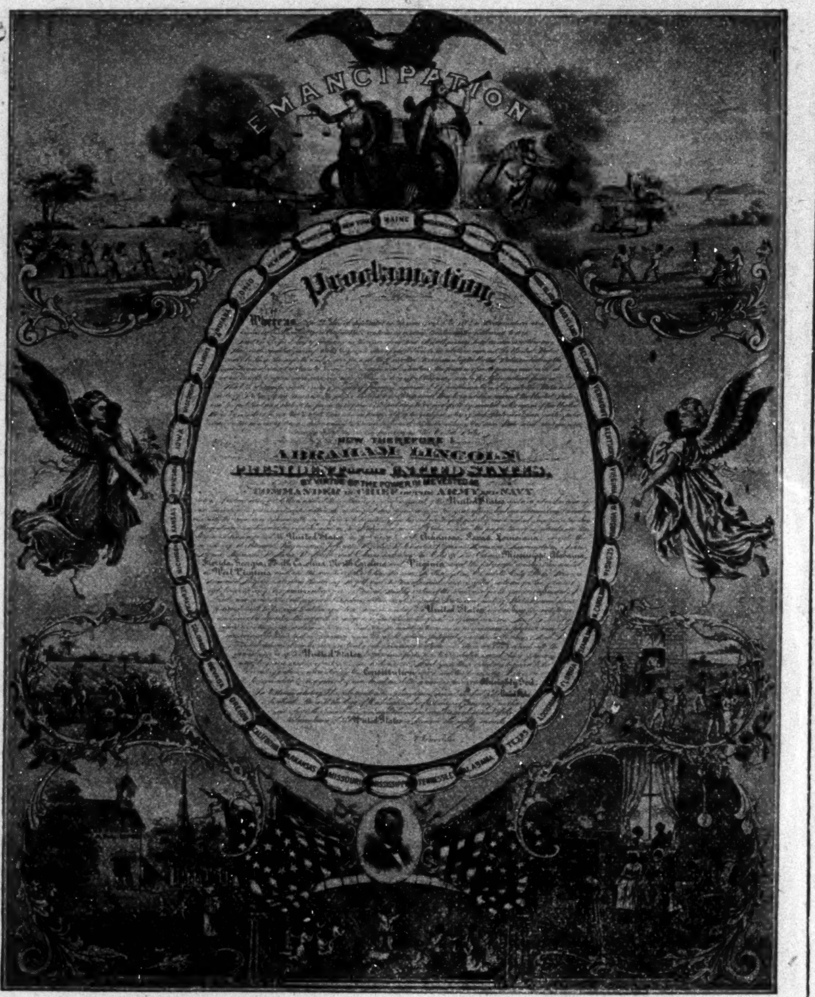

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Futherance of the Negro Race—Human Advancement Engraved and Expressed in this One Grand Word—Read and Ponder.

The destiny of humanity of the Afro-American is hinged on this one word education. All we know of christianity and civilization; all we hope to gain in human advancment is engraved and expressed in this word education. What must demand our rights as intelligent American citizens? It will be the higher standard of education, morrality and religion. Various enterprises has been encouraged and adopted, the purchase of land, the protection of capitalists and homes. But we are still enveloped in darkness, and forever, will be until our people shall learn the true fact which is the training of morals, the increase of wealth, the instruction of the soul, and the development of all the powers of the mind, that reflect light on all nations. To educate is to draw out those faculties which are good, to be good is to know thyself, to know thyself you must educate; we are informed that it is a fact descended from Heaven.

To be a man equal to the man of antiquity or modern, we must be educated in the laws of man, in the laws of nature, in the laws of God; and obey them to escape the wrath of vice, and destruction. There is no surer destroyer of youth, priviliges, powers and delights as ignorance.

Well then, may Pope say through his "moral essay."

> " 'Tis education forms the common mind,
> Just as the twig is bent, the tree's inclined.'

Men of the present day are to be rated, not by their great wealth, not by their simple temporary influence, they may for a time exert in the world; but by their unexceptionable principles relative to character, religion and thought. Strike out those principles, and what are they? Brutes without a virtue, savages without a sympathy, comparative inhumans without an education. Take away all the good traits of man, and his manship is gone, left a shadow in his maker's image. It is education that cultivates and strengthens all the good principles; thus education is essential for the growth, enlightments, prosperity and life to the human family.

One writer says: "Education is rightly improving and developing those faculties and earnestly unfolding the native energies of the mind, by giving it the proper food, which God designed it should receive."

We accept this universally as true facts.

It is written that generations should grow weaker and wiser, not that God entended that we should grow weaker spiritual, but the anxiety of the undeveloped and uncultivated mind, craves the forbidden food tasts vice, and convinces, pronounces weakness.

On the other hand, the wise man or educated man craves not, taste not, the forbiden food; but lives conformed to moral laws, with the intelligence that there is a supreme being. He feasts on virtue and is inspired, exulted, characterized and drawn out by the right use of education. For example, I refer you to Danial A Payne.

What is it that greatly distinguishes man from all other animals? It is his mode of living, words and endowment of thought. When he loves these three principles by obliquity and abuse; he will utterly fall in relapse with all other animals What a droll world of heathenism, tragical troducer and brutelizing would be debarred from education. We must educate, from the fact without a knowledge of the universe and the interpretation of moral laws, which were given by God. Man could never have framed abstract ideas of right and wrong. What fear I then, or rather what know I to fear under ignorance of good or evil, of God or death, of law or penalty?

> "Here grows the cure of all, this fruit divine,
> Fair to the eye, inviting to the taste,
> Of virture to make wise; what hinder then
> To reach and feed at once, both body and mind"
> —Milton

The idea of right and wrong or the moral idea arises spontaneously within us by virture of the constitution of the mind with which we are endowed by our Creator. Therefore, man is created under certain fixed relations to his maker, and his mental and moral powers are so connected with his Creator, until the development and strengthening of these powers are absolutely necessary to hold man in the image and realm of his Redeémer. Otherwise men would degenerate in sin and heathenism. The Creator has seemingly given a part of the universe to human beings for culture of sanctity in elevating and enlightments of its use. Thus we all are held responsible for our moral and educational bestowal. What have you done with it, have you carefully nutured and cultivated it to its fullest growth? If so, bright is your path of life, clear are your consciences, acceptable are your souls and great and noble are your minds. God has endowed us with great responsibilities through his relation and love for humanity with great talents, which must be cultivated by our moral duties to education.

Chas. Carroll,

Waco, Texas.

Nineteenth Anniversary Sermon.

Pine Bluff, Ark., Special.

The Senior Literary Society of Branch Normal College met at 1:30 p. m. The house was called to order by Rev. A. N. Hill president. Devotional exercises were conducted by W. S. Jones. The important business before the society was the election of officers. The president declared all the offices vacant and stated that nominations were in order for president. The following officers were elected for the next ensuing quarter: President, Miss Sarah E. Murphy; vice president, W. S. Jones; recording secretary, Z. M. Mazique; assistant secretary, John Ward; corresponding secretary, O. I. Mopping; chaplain, Charley Bailey; organist, Miss Florence Johnson; assistant organist, Miss Sadie Battle; treasurer, Lucinda Moore; sargeant-at-arms, I. M. Bass; editor, J. H. Koler; assistant editor, G. W. Hardy. The first quarterly examination for the scholastic of '95-6 of the Branch Normal College was held December 9th to 12th inclusive. The students of this institution show by their examination papers that by hard labor and by close application a great work is being done. The Old Fellows of this city will celebrate their nineteenth anniversary on Monday evening December 30th. A grand time is expected and the various committees are hustling to make this entertainment the grandest of the season. Prof. J. C. Smith, A. H. Goodloe, Geo. Brown, Dennis Smith and others are suggesting and devising plans to make it great a occasion. Post Grand Masters Council No. 177 will turn out. Prof. J. C. Smith, Past Most Worshipful Master will install the annual officers elect. We must have The Freeman here.

Wedding Bells.

Brinkley, Ark., Special.

W. K. White and Miss Lela Anderson were married on the 8th, inst., at the residence of the bride's mother, Rev. Dobson, of the A. M. E. church, officiating. A reception was given in honor of them at the residence of Mrs. Esther Proyers. Those in attendance were, Misses Mamie and Clara Green, Clara Caldwell, Sallie Polk. Mamie Mitchell, Mrs. L. Gracy, Messrs. A. P. Clapp, N. Vance, J. D. Mulinar, W. E. Rooks, P. E. Helem P. Brother, W. M. Colley, E. W. Smith, J. N. Campbell, and E. McChristian. Mr. and Mrs. White left Tuesday for Stullgart where they will make their future home. Miss Nettie Smith passed through the city on the 9th enroute to Cotton Plant, where she will enter school. The C. W. R. Academy is progressing successfully under the principalship of Prof. J. P. Gettis. New students are entering every week. Misses Mattie and Katie Cowan, of Cotton Plant, was in the city last week, the guest of Mrs. Proys. J. W. Brooks has a fine stock of groceries and holiday goods. Mr. Lumkins was in the city on the 15th from Clarendon. J. H Hibber is at home from the Baptist college at Little Rock, to spend the holidays. W. E. Rooks is representing the Standard Silverware company. J. N. Campbell fillled the place of Prof D. L. Taylor teaching school a few days. Rev. J. D. Humphrey preached an able sermon at the Zion Baptist church the 15th. The Reading circle is rendering some effective programs at First Baptist church every Tuesday evening. Rev. W. M. Woodson is president and is leading a good work. Prof. G. B. Crocet's school is rapidly progressing at Greenfield. J. N. Campbell is preparing a cantata for the A. M. E. Sunday school, consisting entirely of little children. It is quite a great thing Come out and help build up the writing school. Prof. J. C. Cole says everybody should read The Freeman.

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CHAPTER XVII.

A SCRAP OF PAPER.

"Foul jealousy! thou turneth love divine
To joyless dread, and mak'st the loving heart
With hateful thoughts to languish and pine,
And feed itself with self-consuming smart,
Of all the passions of the mind thou art the vilest."
—Spencer.

IT HAD been years since Mrs. Hardy had been home to Virginia to see her mother and friends, in fact the only time she had re-stepped upon the shore of the Old Dominion since her abode in New York State was when her mother-in-law's body was conveyed from P— to K—. The sorrowful nature of that short visit prevented her going from place to place to see her friends, besides circumstances were in no way favorable at the time. Things were all changed now for the best. Her husband had the only news store in the town of B—, and one of the largest dry goods and notions stores; he also had, as she knew a snug bank account, so she knew no reason why she should not revisit the state of her birth. Hardy had been to Virginia on business several times. His mother-in-law, Mrs. Gregg, had made him several unwelcome visits, all of which his wife resolved to repay during the summer of '92. Like Clark, she prepared everything for the visit before she was sure that her husband would permit her to go. As he hardly ever opposed her will or refused to grant her few modest requests, she felt safe in writing to her mother that she would eat her Fourth of July dinner at the old homestead, seated in the chair she used to sit in when Andrew Hardy was courting her, or more properly speaking, when her mother was entrapping him. Hardy agreed to the visit for several reasons: first Emma Hardy was a true loving wife, if not a literary companion, and he concluded that it was no more than right to let her have a vacation in order that she might rest or have a little pleasure among her peers, few of whom she had met during her residence North as all of Hardy's friends since he had been in B—, Conn., were literary people. In the next place it would place Clark and himself in full possession of the house for the summer and give the former a good opportunity to learn, and then the visit would give his wife an opportunity to make a display and show both friends and foes how well they were getting along in the world. Hardy was only a man—a natural human being—constructed by nature with the usual amount of pride and revenge. So Mrs. Emma Hardy was supplied with money, and instructed to tell the truth to everybody in the township of K— how fortune had smiled upon them. This injunction was hardly needful, as that was a part of Mrs. H's express business to K—. She left New York City on June 1st, expecting to stay four months. Clark got a vacation and went to B—, expecting to stay three months, and make a last grand attempt to master the arts of reading and writing. He locked himself up, so to speak, with his friend Hardy, put every thought out of his mind and went at his book. The result of the first month was far in advance of the expectations of both teacher and pupil. Clark mastered half of the first reader and could write words of three or four letters and make them up in short sentences. It is true many of these "sentences" were very imperfect and could only be read by Clark and Hardy, still the latter was filled with the hope of being able to have his friend read well and write a fair hand by the time he made his next visit to Virginia.

In the meantime Mrs. Hardy was enjoying life with the playmates of youth. She, her mother and brother and the children were driven from place to place where she opened the eyes of the people by telling about the wonderful wealth of "out yonder up North." The result was the oft told and natural one; dozens of young people gave up good paying positions and prepared to start for the North, where they expected to pick up gold on the streets. During the last week of June, circulars were posted all over the town of K—, stating that a grand railroad excursion, under the auspices of the several colored churches of the city would start from K— on the evening of July 3rd for C— in the western part of the state. The excursion was billed to reach C— by 10 o'clock on the morning of the Fourth. The notices pointed out the facts that the price was very small, that it would be the only one of the season, and that one of the points of view and main attractions would be the "great union camp meeting at Beaconsville seven miles from C—." Mrs. Hardy had never been in the western part of Virginia and concluded to "take in" the excursion, as everybody of note in and around K—, together with a lot of folks of no note were going. She purchased tickets for her mother, brother, children and self, and with hundreds of others started for C— on the evening of July 3rd. The train got in about one hour a head of time After "doing" the town for three hours, Mrs. Hardy hired a hack to drive her party out to Beaconsville. It was a great meeting; all the ministerial big and little guns were there; all Beaconsville and hundreds of strangers filled the seats in the bush house in which the meeting was held. Mrs Hardy wishing to get a drink of water for the younger of the children left the other one with her mother and walked up the road towards the newly dug church well. The little one saw in the road in a little pool of mud and water a piece of writing paper, and picked it up, wiping the mud upon her dress.

"Why you Emma! now just look at you—you'r all full of mud. Throw that dirty piece of paper away."

The child did not obey as quickly as she wished, so the mother ran up to her and snatched the strip of paper from her and was about to throw it into the ditch beside the road when a familiar looking hand writing arrested her eye. "Why that looks like Andrew's hand-writing," she said aloud to herself, as she brushed away the mud from the piece of paper with her hand. The scrap she held was three quarters of a sheet of note paper from which she read aloud:

B—, CONN., MAY 9TH, 1892.

"MY DEAREST MARTHA:—This ideal May morniug I think I will scrawl a few lines to my little girl; as it is a poetical morn I will commence by saying you are wrong again my dear; the lines:

'Time rolls on his ceaseless course
The race of yore
Who danced our infancy upon their knee,
And told our marveling boyhood legends store
Of their strange ventures happ'd by land or sea
How are they blotted from the things that be!
How few, all weak and wither'd of their force
Wait on the verge of dark eternity'

are not from Pope, but Scott. Now don't be angry for the correction, being it is from your own—"

Here the paper was torn off. Mrs. Hadry knew it was her husband's writing; she had seen too much of it to be mistaken, for he always had upon his table unfinished addresses, papers, legal notes, newspaper articles and the like. Oh, how she wished the name of Martha's "own" had not been torn off so that she could have had her husband's signature to the proof of his unfaithfulness. She turned the letter over but could not make out one word as that side was completely blurred by mud and water.

"So he's like all the other men—a false-hearted, two-faced lying devil; I wonder how long he's been writing to this she-devil? I wonder if she lives here or near here, or if she came on the train with us? Since I come to think she's some one from K—, because I heard Andrew say he was never in this part of the state, but what of that; a man that can lie in one way, can lie in another, and then lie to cover up his first lie and keep on. Oh, how I wish I could meet his Martha looking for this piece of letter. She couldn't think much of it to tear it up and throw it about or loose it. I wish I knew her, I'd kill her, yes I would; what right has she to get between me and him, even if she is a high-tone educated lady, and she can't be as educated as she makes believe, for he says that she is wrong about who wrote the piece. Now I'll never rest until I find out who this wench is and pull her eyes out."

These were some of the thoughts jealousy caused to pass through Mrs. Hardy's mind as she folded the scrap of paper up, and putting it into her pocket book walked slowly back to the campmeeting. The scrap was a part of one of the letters Hardy had written from B— when Clark had supposed to have been visiting that town. He had of course signed it like the rest, "yours fondly Joseph," and when speaking in the third person he had said "your Joseph." The part of the letter found was lost a few hours before in a most remarkable manner. Uncle Bill who was now a full-fledged local minister noticed that all the big ministers at the union campmeeting had pockets full of letters and papers, so wishing to outclass the other local ministers he resolved to stuff his pockets with old letters. Having none of his own, he borrowed a lot of old ones from Martha (without her knowledge(children's composition papers, letters from the school board and two or three of the proxy love missives. He had carried these papers for a week, taking them out quite often looking at them, and turning them around. At the meeting upon the evening of the 3rd of July a great amount of shouting took place and Uncle Bill did his share.

During the shout all of his letters flew from his pocket and all but one sheet were picked up and returned. The other found its way out in the road where it was found by several young sports with as many cigars but only one match; about a quarter of the sheet was torn off to rid the single match and the other portion thrown in the road where it was found by Mrs. Emma Hardy, who resolved to make her husband explain all about it upon her return to B,— Conn. She also made up her mind not to accept his his explanation as the truth, no matter what kind of a truthful ring the story might have.

Sne new that she was not her husband's companion, she had admitted this fact to herself, she also added to her confession that she had won him by her mother's art and not by her own love or his admiration. She, however, counterbalanced all these facts by facts. She had been a kind loving house wife, she was a good cook and tried to, and in fact, did always please him at the dinner table, often preparing surprises in the way of some favorite dish he loved. It is not strange that her heart swelled with jealousy rage after she had read the scrap of paper, the part of a proxy letter Martha thought was in her bureau drawer and Uncle Bill concluded was in his inside pocket; the letter perhaps of all the letters received by the fair Martha that she enjoyed reading the most, and in the writing of which Hardy found a plasant task was now (or at least a part of it) it the hand of a woman who supposed herself a wronged wife.

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A Brilliant Wedding.

Camden, Ark. Special.

The marriage ceremony of E. T. Brewer to Miss Mattie M. Green, was performed at St James A. M. E. church Thursday night, December 12, 1895. The house was crowhed at 7:30 p m. to see the Bride and Groom come. At 8:15 Henry Green began the wedding march. Thomas Clay of Fordyce, Miss Julia Williams, G. T. Laster and Miss Octave McDowa lwere groom-men and maids, while little Lulu Green and Daniel Hays attended. Rev. H. C. Beasley pastor in charge of St. James A. M. E. church, performed the ceremony. After which was given a reception at the brides residence. Mr. and Mrs. Ned Green made special arrangements for the occasion. Several distinguished persons from Fordyce were present, among them were J. D. Davis, O. W. Atkinson, J. A. Johnson and A. B. Brewer. Quite a number of presents was given. The bride's S. S. class made her a present of a nice set of silverwear, and the class of the groom presented them with a Rocking chair. Mrs. Amanda Brewer, the mother of the groom came from Fordyce to attend the wekding.

Muncie News.

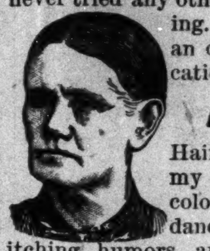
Muncie, Ind., Special.

Mrs. W. H. Stokes is able to out after a short spell of sickness. Bob Wright an employe of the Warning Hart Glass company died of congestion last week. The birthday party and reception given by the ladies of the A. M. E. church was a success both socially and financialy. Mrs. H E. Stewart has been quite ill for some time is now much better. Will Barclay received a telegram that his wife was dead while she was visiting her mother in Bowling Green, Ky., last Monday he was informed that his youngest son was also dead. The memorial services to Bishop A. W. Wayman were grand and impressive. The "Anglo Male Quartet" rendered some very fine selections appropriate for the occasion. Mrs. Chas. Timbers read the history of his life. Rev. H. E. Stewart delivered a very touching discourse, appealing to all to model their lives and action after the deceased Bishop. The "Gold Biscuit" and Japanese entertainment given by the members of the Second M. E. church was a financial success.

Hot Springs Notes.

Hot Springs, Ark., Special.

The Philisophical Literary was largely attended on last Friday night. The debate was quite interesting, subject "Resolved That Education and Freedom has been the curse of the Negro." Affirmative, Miss Fannie Clark and Miss Stella Harris. Negative Mr. J. R. Fountain and Jackson. The judges decided in favor of the affirmative. George Robinson's funeral took place from Visitors Chapel Tuesday last. He was a faithful member of said church, a devoted husband and a loving father. The rally at Rowhe Baptist church on last Sunday was quite a success, $220 was raised for the benefit of the church. The choir rendered some very sweet music, with Mrs. P. F. Deloney as choirester, Miss Stella Harris organist. Rev. J. M. Carner, president of H. S. College has resigned his position. We regret his leaving. Miss C. A. Brown, one of the teachers of the public school, has been quite ill but is convalescent.



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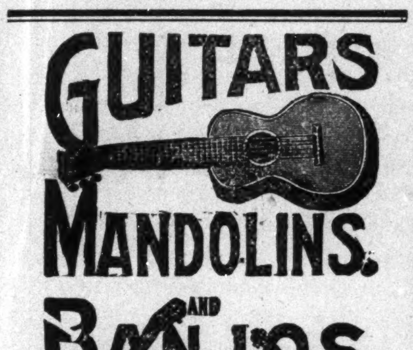

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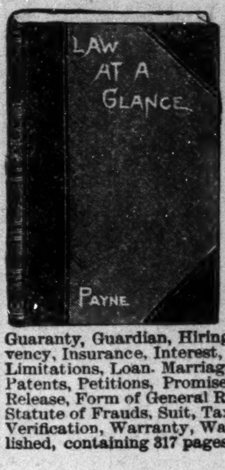

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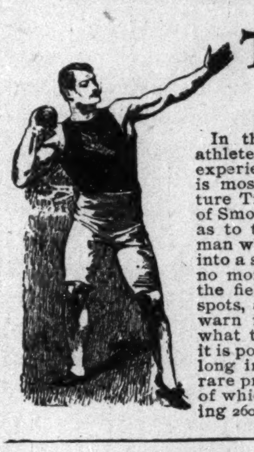

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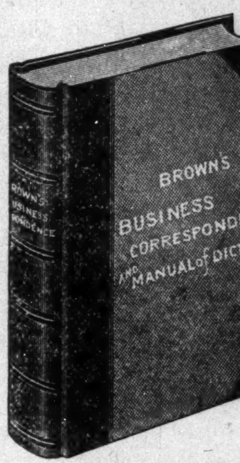

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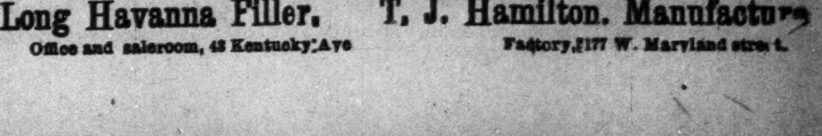

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THE EPWORTH ERA.

S. A. Steele, of the Epworth Era, in a recent number of that paper comes out with a scathing denunciation of the Negro. This paper is the official organ of the Epworth Leaguers, South. It is of the great M. E. church, in which there are 400,000 Negro communicants. It is intended as the guide and monitor of the future church. It is sent broadcast over the land and its doctrines are hailed as ex-Cathedra.

It has a carte blanche entrance to homes of all Epworth Leaguers, whether white or black. These facts being known Mr. Steele should be arraigned for throwing the apple of discord betwen white and black Epworth Leaguers. He should be arraigned before the moral bar of recitude for insisting that there are only a few schools, here and there, educating a few hundred Negroes. The Negro's propensity for books and schools has become perverbical. It is true that he (Steele) stands, to his own thinking, as a humanitarian and would begin now to evangelize the South. Says he:

> "Now, if the Negro is not to be exterminated by the superior white race, among whom he is obliged to live, his morals must be improved, and the Methodist Episcopal church, South, whose ministry is everywhere in the land where the Negro lives, ought to give him the gospel."

Not since a celebrated Southernor declared that he would call the roll of slaves at the foot of Bunker's Hill monument, has anyone displayed such implorable contempt for the pretensions of Negroes. Says he: "The modern Negro is a failure." This philosopher does not take in consideration the Negro's tribulations. Any other race but the soft and pliable Negro ere this period, under the devastating hand of such crystalized hate would have succumbed or hardened into anarchist, socialist or nihilists. When the gates of opportunity to livelihood are nearly swingless is it not a matter of admiration to know that in face of all these hard conditions that he is as he is? 'Tis not the Bible, Sir Steele, he so much stands in need of, but the refining touch of the white man's consideratin, care and love. The tail end of political glory or rewards, the tail end of social considerations, and the tail-end of industrial preferment are no stimuli to the grander passions or to the conception of higher asperations. The lofty attributes do not descend to take possession of minds lowly endowed, cringing under the weight of opposition of every known form. The Aunt Dinah's or the Uncle Rufus' who made oriental salaams to every white person are not needed to-day as he thinks. It is all right to proclaim the gospel of respectability, but better that the constitution be torn to tatters than acknowledge some kings and priests, others beggars on the king's highway. All men are born free and equal, says the sublime document. Servility is not respectability. No, the milk of human kindness has not dried up in the Negro's breast, but if what Mr. Steele says is the indices of the feeling regarding the Negro, he is fated to everlasting obloquy.

> So thoroughly had Christianity done its work in the hearts of the simple Africans that their masters left their homes, their wives and daughters, under their protection while they went far away to war; and not a life was lost, not a house was burned, not a woman touched in all the chaos of that time."

Nor had the civil war left implanted a legacy of hatred, a seared conscience or an invincible jealousy of the Negro's aptitude. Owing to property rights invested in him the Negro was imbruted as thoroughly as a horse or hound. He was taught to worship classes as they were gods. To-day he commits only the crimes that the other race commits, no more, no less. The rapings charged to him often exist only in name. He does not stand above temptation nor above the law. He is no translated saint nor is he a fiend. He is the subject of the laws dominion as other men, and needs no particular species of law to meet his violations. God has yet to make a MORE submissive creature. He is a humble as Uriah Heep with none of his cunning for future peculation. The lamb before the shearer is no more docile. Otherwise the Southern cities would run blood as rivers, and conflagarations start from a thousand rills. Never mind cloaking him with Christianity; this he has. Enshroud him with the broad mantle of brotherly love. Extend to him these humanizing agencies that will enable him to look up as he walks, and not sulk in the byways and hedges. Offer him the olive branch of peace. Open to him your industrial ports and let him feel that life is worth living Put him in your shops as well as your field; put him in the banks and counting rooms when proficient; not always in the barns or the hostelry. Let there be no back door department in the question. These are the things requisite. These tried, opportunities given, and then classify him. The Negro race stands with open arms for any humble concession. His importuning are proudly spurned. Think you christianity administered with these drawbacks can be of moment.

THE LEAVENWORTH HERALD.

The Leavenworth Herald is an "amusin little cuss," if anything. A few weeks ago THE FREEMAN was accused of doing this sheet an injustice. That injustice, if injustice, THE FREEMAN hastened to make amends, although the injury was unwittingly committed, if committed at all.

But, instead of promptly acknowledging THE FREEMAN's endeavors at correction The Herald flies off in a tangent, and is still there. Every issue of this highly incensed enterprise has had very demeaning things to say concerning The Freeman. For pity we forbore disturbing this irascible little pest until forbearance ceased to be a virtue. It is not now the desire to crush this mit between the upper and neither milestone of displeasure in order to make a spectable of it. For, near six weeks have we waited for The Freemans explanation to be spread out upon its "blanket," but drunk with apparent success it has given itself extensively to a series of cock-crowing. Its patrician blood is, doubtless, up and a taunt from a common "pleb" is one of the unpardonable sins in its lexicon. The Freeman bows before a shrine of moral ethics whose codefication, while permitting the lextalions yet embodies the more beautiful law of grateful acknowledgement. By way of advice the Herald would not go amiss to pay homage at this shrine, and lay a tribute as a token of past negligence. But the suggestion will be spurned and boasted lineage decends its Pisgah and takes common stock with the "herd." "The ruling passion is strong." "The leopard cannot change its spots." "Essau is wedded to his idol." These are hackneyed expressions but suits well the case in hand—ungratefulness. The incessant fusilade from the liliputian artillery bent on total anhilation has provoked this lengthy article. A howitzer is not deemed necessary to silence it. The Freeman has no cause against this testy little tartar beyond this perpetual nagging. Let us have no more of this. "A plague on both of your houses."

WHAT OF THE COLORED MAN?

In the event of war between the United States and Great Britain, the two greatest christian nations on the earth, what would be the attitude of the Negro on this continent? He has been practically disfranchised in the South and in the North all places of trust and honor are shut against him. He cannot be a president, governor, senator or even a representative, not from the lack of votes, but simply because he carries the distinguishing mark of color. In the North he is absolutely debarred from holding any position in any municipality save in a very few instances. Factories will not employ him as a skilled mechanic or artist, neither will street car companies nor railroads accept his services. Trades unions, under their constitutions and by-laws, reject him; churches sneeringly accepts him when he wants to commune with them. They are hounded on every hand by both residents and foreigners and only looked upon as menials. Notwithstanding the fact they pay taxes on $4,000,000 of real estate, all of which has been acquired from absolutely nothing in thirty years. There can be readily marshaled 1,600,000 Negroes for active service in case of attack by a common foe, which in war is quite an item. Some, however, have had practical experience in both naval and military affairs.—W. H. STOKES in the Indianapolis Journal.

There should be no indecision as to the Negro's attitude in advent of a war. It is true that, as a citizen, the Negro occupies an anamolous position, yet the law of retaliation is not for him to enforce. He should always be found doing his best to hold up the arms of the government through evil as well as good report. He must teach the people that he is a law-abiding citizen, bearing all the responsibilities other citizens bear in face of disfranchisements, lynchings and exclusion from political preferment. America is the home of Negroes—not much of a home very often but the best one he has. England is the reputed friend of the Negro. This is reputation only. Evidences of friendship has been shown as the Americans show Irishmen—in kind, but not in degree. He can not fly to ills he knows not off. It is safe to say there will be no demurrer if the case grows urgent. The Negro will be there in force an enthusiasm.

THE WAR SPECK.

The mania of Great Britain to ever increase her borders has become proverbial. The Venezuela boundary line dispute while one of long duration, England takes this most opportune time, gold being recently discovered, to push claim with more energy than ever. Grover Cleveland signalized his administration by stepping in and declaring hands off. England refuses to accept the only means of preventing a horrible war arbitration. A commission appointed by the President will ascertain as to the claim of Great Britain. If they find against Great Britain just what will be done is a conjecture. The English press is unanimous in sustaining Salisbury. A war like the one probable is to be deplored. The march of christianity and civilization should obviate any such necessity.

THE DETROIT CONVENTION.

This convention called by a number of Negro leaders from the country-at-large was looked forward to as a great lever in the affairs of the Negroes Some good was doubtless accomplished by way of addresses to the country. Yet there was not the harmony that should mark such occasions. Enough good was not done to inspire confidence in future gatherings of the kind. Many persons think that opposition to Townsend simply because he was a preacher was not in good form. Townsend while to some extent justified, did himself no credit by leaving the convention in a huff. It is thought that Straker belonging in Detroit might have been more energetic in Townsend's behalf by refusing the honor conferred on him. No apologies can be offered for not having complete success. There was no enrollments to the offices and should not have been bones of contention.

WHAT if Gov. O' Ferrall does have the good name of this state in mind when he reccommends the lynching amendments to the state of Virginia's constitution? One exchange advances this as an objection. A sentiment is what is wanted not how to obtain it? It is a welcome blast no matter which winds wafts it. If Negroes were situated so as to dictate terms, lynchings would have been null long ago.

THE Richmond Planet issued a special Christmas number of eight pages. Interesting views of the Planet's plant is given. Editor Mitchell has been equal to the occasion. His laudable efforts at having justice meted out to the unfortunate Negroes of his section are commendable. Journalistic pluck and pertinacity are among his many qualities.

WE are in receipt of an invitation to attend the 4th anniversary celebration of the birthday of the Poet John G. Whittier, in Memphis, Tenn., given under the auspices of the Whittier Memorial and Historical Association. It was addressed by Dr. W. Derrick, of New York. C. A. Thompson is president, and G. W. Fowler, secretary.

THE special edition of the Florida Sentinel is highly praiseworthy. It gives a symposium of the Negro world at the Atlanta Exposition. Many cuts of prominent individuals are given, including a groupe of women, composing the Pensacola Auxiliary Board of the Exposition.

THE Appeal, of St. Paul, comes to this office adorned and beautified in the trappings of Christmas. It is replete with appropriate stories, many cuts and a view of the office. Mr. Adams may feel justly proud of his success. Long live the Appeal.

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MAYOR DOXEY, of Anderson, was in the city last week. He is a candidate for Governor.

Tuscumbia Doings.

Tuscumbia, Ala. Special.

Rev. A. Sensabough the new pastor of the A. M. E. Church, arrived last week and preached his first sermon last Sunday. The church will doubtless prosper under this able minister. The Baptist convention was a great success here last week being presided over by that saintly christian gentleman. Rev. W. E. Northcuss, Rev. G. B. Johnson, of Courtland, A. Troup, of Sheffield were here. Mr. Pearce and Miss Lily Ricks were quietly married last Thursday night. We wish the couple much success on the matrimonial sea. W. T. Breeding and J. W. James spent last Saturday at Courtland hunting. Misses Julia and Jania Towns spent Xmas in Dixon. Miss Mary Ross was in Littleville Christmas. Ross Brown thinks "Lick Skillet" is good enough for him. Miss Julia L. Finley was in Spring Valley Xmas. The Stevens Sisters spent Xmas in the city. Robert Burt is in the city. Miss Ellen T. Brown who is teaching at Boston was in town last Sunday. Jasper Davis is the coming mathametician at the city school. Misses E. M. Goodloe, Rosie B. Wilson, Mollie T. Ross had a grand time Xmas. Mr. R. L. Keller and Mr. Round had a grand time Xmas The Freeman's Xmas number was a hummer.

Wedding Bells.

Little Rock, Ark. Special.

The various churches are prepairing elegant programs for the holidays. Through the entergetic efforts of L. J. Brown, H. H. Gilkey, J. W. Eaton and other Odd Fellows, we can still hold claim on the fraternal cemetery. Cards are out announcing the marriage of Mr. L. N. Porter to Miss Maud Anthony, Dec. 26th. Mr. Porter is one of our best and brightest young men, he is in the mail service and has reflected great credit on the race, Miss Anthony also is one of the best girls in the state, she is a teacher in the public school and well merits her choice, their cards are the finest of the season. Everybody was glad to know that Mr. Philips was successful in Memphis, Tenn. Mr. Carter and Miss Rebeckca Nixon was married this week. The Iron Mountain R. R. shops gives employment to about 250 colored men. G. W. Thompson, Dr. Berry, Prof. Rooker, Mrs. Ida Jordan and S. W. Moore will go to points East of the Mississippi for the holidays. Rev. P. W. Waid, P. E. of the A. M. E. church held his first quarterly meeting at Bethel. The big United States flag that waved over Philander Smith College was blown down. The flag was too heavy for the staff.

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Eloquence Abroad.

Memphis, Tenn. Special.

Little Almetta Boyd has been sick for several weeks. Mrs. A. Webb is up again. Mrs. Fannie Clay of Williams Ave, was sick last week. Mrs. Clifford Ross is down with the malaria. William Burchett and Hattie McCarkle were married at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Burton, of 63 Humphrey St. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Taylor of Centenary church in his usual impressive manner. The happy couple received many handsome presents and the congratulations of a host of friends. The Whittier Historical Association celebrated Tuesday, Dec. 17th, the birthday of Poet John G Whittier. The commemoration was one of the most creditable the association ever held. Dr. W. B. Derrick, of New York, was the orator of the evening. His subject was Abraham Lincoln. He handled it in an original, eloquent and majestic manner. He took up his boyhood, also pointedly said that Lincoln's agitation for the abolition of slavery was due to his love for his country more than he loved the colored man. His country was stained with the blot of slavery, therefore he worked earnestly to expunge it. The speech was masterly indeed It brought fourth many applauses. It will long be remembered. The Avery Metropoliton church wherein the meeting was held, not only rung with Dr. Derrick's eloquence, but with the best music probably ever rendered for the association. Prof. C. A. Thompson delivered the introductory address which was scholorly, highly rhetorical and entertaining. His recitation of the striking incidents of the speaker's life was beautiful. Truly the association upheld its high and glorious reputation on the occasion. At night a grand banquet was given after a few introductory remarks by the president the following persons responded to toasts: J. T. Settle, Toast-master, Mrs J A P. Broughton, Rev. J. N. Abby, Prof. J. N. Ruffin, D. W. Washington, Dr. C. A. Terrill, Hon. J. Settle spoke with his usual eloquence; J. A. P. Broughton took the subject "woman" and treated it in an able manner, Rev. J. N. Abby treated his subject in a manner characteristic of his ability. C. W. Washington spoke very interestingly. Dr. C. A. Terrell spoke on the subject of doctors' duty. Prof. J. N. Ruffin spoke with his accustom smoothness. Then followed the great orator of the occasion, who awakened everyone present to a high degree of profound interest. After a humorous delivery of his papers of commission, on the part of Hon. J. C. Settle, C. A. Thompson, president, in a short address, dismissed the meeting.

Two Hearts Beat as One.

Clarendon, Ark., Special.

Mr. Will Rogers and Miss Lizzie Williams were married at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Barnes with a few friends present. Mrs. Cassell who has been quite sick is much better at this writing. Rev. Rose of Pine Bluff, preached at Porry's Chapel Monday night. Miss Emma McGahee and Mrs. Sarah Smith returned last Saturday from their visit to the country. Dr. J. P. Turner of Pine Bluff, and the examiner bureau of pensions, was in the city last week enroute to and from Helena. Mr. and Mrs. Sanders' little boy is much better at this writing. Mrs. Will Jacobs who has been on the sick list for eight or ten days was able to visit friends Saturday. Prof. White has opened a new first class colored barber shop at the foot of Main street. Call and see him for good work. Prof. Little was in the city Saturday. F. N. Sneede is visiting friends in Helena, Ark., and Mississippi. Perry's Chapel and St. Andrews Chapel are putting in a $400 set of pews

Last Saturday the little folks Missionary Society met with eighteen members present and started out on a new year. The following officers were elected: Hattie Hall, president; Judge Mullins, vice president; Arnett Mullins, secretary; Jessie Sanders, assistant secretary; Truda Sanders, treasurer; Rev. A. P. Johnson, chairman of all meetings. Mr. Paul Barnett and Miss Laura Polk were married at his home in Devalls Bluff, returned here Sunday, their future home. Miss Polk was the leader in social and religous circles among the young people of her town, while Mr. Barnett was one of our best young men and a great worker in the Baptist church and Sunday-school. We wish them a busy and happp life. A. Burrel has a position with E. F. Berry, as clerk.

The Christmas tree Tuesday night was one of the grandest that has been here for years. It was under the management of the following persons: Miss Georgia Wright, Mrs. H. C. Roberts, Miss Lula Hall, Miss Sarah Smith, Miss Maggie A. Burrell, S. O. Mullins and W. H. VanBuren. H. C. Ellison and James Kemp left last Sunday to visit friends and relatives in Rome and Cedartown, Ga. J. S. Davis, of Fordyce, are spending Christmas here. Wm. Orr and Rev. A. C. Johnson were in Little Rock last week on business. Mrs. Lovett, who has been visiting in Memphis and Helena, returned last week. Ed. Dobs was badly cut by Jack Lyon last Friday. Lyons is in jail. Father Armor is having a serious time with his leg. Rev. S. S. Eason, one of our expastors, was in the city last week. Miss H. C. Roberts is visiting relatives. On Dec. 16th the Nashville Students played to the largest house of any company that has ever been here. Miss Mattie Richardson, who has been visiting her relatives and friends in Mississippi, returned last Thursday. Rev. M. E. Weldman and Mrs. Skellern were married Thursday. They left immediately for his work near Helena.

At Home For Christmas.

Sardis, Miss., Special.

The crops are gathered and nearly all the farmers cleared some money. Our country schools which was opened a month ago are well attended. The fall term closed Friday and the teachers have gone home to enjoy Christmas. On the 30th inst each teacher will be found at his respective school with the same care of many minds to train and elevate. The C. M. E. conference which convened at Oxford, Miss., closed last week, and Rev. M. Stewart who was pastor in charge last year, was sent to Horn Lake, Miss., much to the regret of the community. He carries the prayers and best wishes of the many friends with him. Rev. Samuel Demnigans (that Moses like divine) will pastor here another year. He is not a stranger for he has pastored this work before, and the people are aware that they have a well qualified minister. A more upright man cannot be found. May God bless him through the year. Sardis is overflowing with widowers now, and the young men's chances are very limited.

Waco Notes.

Waco, Tex. Special.

Dr. W. B. Derrick lectured in Dallas and Waco Tex. No doubt his lectures will be felt throughout the South. By his imagination and strong thoughts, backed with eloquence, he plainly pictures the so called Negro Problem. We find in him a strong representative of the race. Berean Society met the 13th, had an interesting program—"The life of Phyllis Wheatley." Berean's classical music charmes her audience, but Payne's banner floats on its sounds in oratory. Both societies have made wonderful improvements over its past history. The Texas confernces closed, and Dr. D. J. Hull, dean of the theological department, Paul Quim College, has permanently stationed himself and family on the college campus. Every student is moving around the campus in a rush, preparing for the fall term examination, Hurry boys.

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The younger generation that are springing up in the business world should bear in mind that in this land of free institutions and generous impulses, nothing is so much detested as avarice, nothing so much admired as generosity. Our young men should be taught that every honorable path is open to their success; that they have ample opportunity; that if they possess or can acquire the necessary qualities, they can become conspicuous leaders, can put themselves in command, can get to the front, can stand among the men who can command when others cannot advise. We have one thing to learn and that is the worth of a dollar. It is an easy matter to earn a dollar, but we cannot, it seems, use it to a success. Education is the first step, and with education we can become men of high degree if we strive, but to-day we are striving very slow to meet success. We must become brotherly, learn to live in in a legitimate manner. We will have to live as the state seal of Kentucky: "United we stand, divided we fall." In my 14,000 mile trip through the United States and Canada, I find only a few up-to-date colored men. We are only looking at the past and present, and seem to forget about the future. It is not our color that impedes our progress, but the lack of knowledge. We are in our own path.

G. Lawrence, Jr.

New Brunswick, N. J.

Death of a Well Known Man.

Logansport, Ind. Special.

Rev. R. McDaniel departed this life Dec. 17th, at 4:55 p m The funeral took place Dec. 20th at 3 p. m., the body lay in state in the church from 8:30 till 12 o'clock m. Although the weather was bad the people continued to come see the remains. T. E. Wilson of Marion Ind., preached the funeral, conducted by Rev. D. Smith, P. E., Rev. Lewis Petiford, of Indianapolis, pronounced the opening hymn; prayor by Rev. Mors Lewis of Crawfordsville; Scripture read by P. E., A. Smith; song by choir, "Rock of Ages Cleave for Me." Obituary was read by Rev. E. T. Stewart of Muncie. Robert McDaniel was born Dec. 25th, 1847, died Dec. 17th, 1895. He leaves a wife two sons and a mother and a hoste of friends to mourn his demise. He was 13 years among the Indians He enlisted in the late war as a volunteer and served until honorably discharged. He embraced christanity and was 17 years in the ministery. He had made the selection of the hymn, text and the person he wanted to preach his funeral. Rev. Kosthman of the English Luthern church made a very appropriate speach in behalf of the preacher's union of which Rev. McDaniel was a member. The preacher's union turned out.

Sister Mary Lee a worthy member of the A. M. E. church, died Dec. 20th, funeral Dec. 23nd, at 2:00 p. m. Joseph Fisher preached the funeral. Sister Lee was born in Kentucky in 1825. She leaves no relatives save a foster daughter. Emma Hall was in town this week. C. S. Jones preached at 10:45 Rev. Dr. Wilburn of the Cumberland Presbyterian church preached at 7:45 to a large audience.

The Douglass Club to the Front.

Houston, Tex., Special.

Rev. I. Toliver, the state evangelist, preached at Antioch church two nights ago. The U. S. is his field of labor. Rev. F. L. Lights of Antioch Baptist church is against Sunday excursions. He is right and should have help along that line. The Frederick Douglass Social Club is getting ready to give a grand entertainment on the 30th inst., at Miss F. Allen's. It will cost the club about a $100. The club is progressing nicely, consisting of some of of the best young ladies and gentlemen of the city. Mr. J. A. Jones, and Miss L. Branch have moved to the city from Brazoria, Tex., a little town about fifty miles south of Houston. They will make Houston their home. Miss Lula Cooper of Alabama, is visiting the city. Miss Eliza Lidwell of Calvert is stoping in the city for a short time. Rev. W. H. Frances, at 1113 Fuller street, has a full line of family groceries, he will deliver goods to any part of the city. You can get The Freeman at Rev. Frances store. The Baptist Young People's Union on Friday night had its annual election of officers which is as follows: President, S. B. Somerville; vice president, P A Sharke; secretary, Mrs. J. A. Somerville; correspondent secretary, Ida Looms; treasurer, Mrs. M. Jones.

As to Santa Claus.

Yes, keep the children in the little world, where a belief in Santa Claus is among the sweetest memories of child life. It will not be long before they will decend from it to contend "in the world's broad field of battle," where too often, sentiment is crushed out of struggling men and women by the constant "strains of martial music" in "life's endless toil and endeavor."

I know a little girl, who at seven years of age, disputed with great earnestness my declaration, that there is no such person as Santa Claus, and when I insisted that there is not, she cried, saying that she knew better. "Why, he's always brought me things," she innocently said. I find life full of sun shine but I find fault some times, because the growing tendency is from idealism to realism, from the soothing sweetness of sentiment to a sort of matter of fact existence.

No one of us has suffered morally because we were taught to believe in Santa Claus. We are not a whit less truthful, nor have we less of veneration for our parents—our sainted mothers and our revered fathers, who sleep in the little church yard while we take up the old old story, which they taught us, and rejoice in hearing the prattle of our little ones, and in seeing them hang up their stockings, and cover up their little heads, and hush their little voices, so as not to frighten Santa Claus away. What is sweeter than the innocence of the little boy who wrote this letter:

"Dear Santa Claus, please send me a hoss; but if its a mule, please tie its hind legs."

My whole soul responds to any reference to Christmas, when prattling babyhood and innocent childhood furnish the theme for recollection or for story. A friend recently said to me, "Ah, Christmas was a great day in our home. We believe thoroughly in Santa Claus, and he always filled our stockings. We were naughty on one Christmas day and mama told us that if we were not good, Santa Claus would take away our presents. We were good for a while, but not for long, and our presents mysteriously disappeared. We had a big cry. Mamma went about her house hold duties, and we little ones, four of us, all being under eight years of age, held a tearful conference. We decided to go on a hunt, and we trooped through every room. Not finding our presents, we sat down on the floor and had another cry, but finanially our little seven year old brother said, 'Now look here, Santa Clause came down through the chimney, didn't he? Let's go up stairs, and I'll climb on the roof and see if I can see him anywhere around." We trooped up stairs, mamma being busy about her household affairs, getting an old fashioned Christmas dinner, and our little brother went up a step ladder leading from the garret floor to the roof. Soon as he put his head out there went up from him a yell of delight, Santa Claus had left our things out there. Mamma was astonished to here the sound of drum and horn, and rushed up stairs, but we had our things, and we were good the rest of the day, Christmas eve.

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Dots From Lincoln.

Lincoln, Ill., Special.

Rev. W. D. Taylor of St. Louis, preached at the Second Baptist church Sunday morning and evening. Christian Endeavor meets every Sunday evening at the Baptist church under the auspices of Mr. Wilson Russell. A. Dyer, superintendent of the A. M. E. Sunday school, who has been absent on account of wife's illness, was present Sunday and discharged his duties with much faithfulness. The G. U. O. of O. F. gave a supper last Wednesday evening. Success financially. L. Donnegan and R. Hardin are baratone singers at the A. M. E Sunday school. Clayton Walcup has become a member of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows. The members of the A. M. E. church contemplate buying a new organ. It is quite amusing to hear two of our young boys jabbering the foreign language (Dutch) on the street. The Signal Union Society meets every Wednesday evening at the A. M. E. church. Mrs. Jackson Palm is on the mend. A. Perkins, janitor at the Court House, has an assistant who helps in doing the work. The noted jubilee singers, John White, Ed. and Hes Dyer will join a minstrel troupe after the holidays. Mrs. Col. Hummer is improving. Misses Ella Orendorff, Ida Linn, Jesse Scott and Emma Hardin are preparing for a grand reception which they will have during the holidays. Invitations given later.

Literary Society Meeting.

Poplar Bluffs Mo. Special.

On Monday Dec. 16th, A. Porter, commonly known as "Tender Foot John," was arrested for fast driving. Quite a conflagration occured on Monday night Dec. 16th. An alarm was heard about 9 o'clock p. m. an another at 11:40 p. m. which was a house just above the power house, in the Northeast part of the city. The Royal Literary Society on Tuesday eve., Dec. 17th, was largely attended. besides many choice selections by the choir; several recitations, select readings, sayings, songs, etc., was a special of the program. Elder Jas. H. Randall delivered an impressive address. The Poplar Bluff Union Club's Concert, was a success. All members and their wives have returned to this city. David Grogan returned home recently from the hospital at St. Louis. Eld. W. B. White presiding Elder returned to this city on the 18th on business for the church, and left on the 20tn for St. Louis, Mo.

Church News—Personals.

New Albany, Ind., Special.

The Second Baptist church of this city, is quite jubilant over their victory. Last Sunday they completed the payment of the debt of their church. Rev. S. C. Manuel, our worthy pastor, has been instrumental in Gods hands in leading the church from a $2260 debt to freedom. The church is free of mortgage for the first time since its existence. Rev. Manuel has proved himself a man of brain sufficient to lead Christ church as a pastor. His tack and push besides his fluent gift to preach the gospel makes him acceptable in all pulpits. The members will hold a week of jubilee in January, at which time the church will be dedicated. Rev. Manuel is held in the highest esteem by his members. The Second church is now one of the foremost churches in the state.

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Cupids Arrow.

Mineola, Tex., Special.

The Anderson-Williams marriage was a most brilliant affair. Mr. Sandy Anderson and Miss Lizzie Williams the contracting parties are among our most respectable young people. Both have lived here from childhood and have a host of friends whose best wishes are for their future happiness. The groom is one of those Afro-American boys whose integrity and push have created a demand for his services. Besides engineering successfully the business of the Anderson farm including the live stock and truck departments Sandy Anderson is well known as the wide-awake agent of some of the best colored newspapers of the country. Among those may we mention the Indianapolis Freeman, the Richmond Planet, the Colored American and others. Prof. and Mrs. R. M. Jones gave the young couple a pleasant call at their elegant new residence on the 15th inst. The public school closed for the holidays last Friday. A grand Christmas tree at the school house Tuesday night the 24th.

Rising Sun Lodge Celebration.

Marianna, Ark., Special.

Rev. Wm. Wilson of Holly Grove, was in the city on 10th. Mrs. C. L Butler left for Atlanta, Ga., the 18th. The Nashville students grand colored comedy company special was witnessed by a larger house that ever appeared in this city before of white or colored. We are sorry that they were only billed for one night. Every colored citizens of Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennessee and several other states are requested to meet at Memphis on the 1st of January. St. John's day December 27, 1895, will be celebrated in due and ancient form by Rising Sun Lodge No. 11, F. and A. M. Numbers 55, 38, 12, 21, 29, 22, 26, 57, 17, 1, 70, 95, will participate, M. A. Clark general manager, G. G. Green, H. B. Bennett. S. O Thompson, secretary; J. E. Elliott, W. M. Locket and Roberson have a nice restaurant. G. W. Wyrtt runs the city blacksmith shop on Main street.

News Here and There.

Baltimore, Md., Special.

The fair at St. John's on Lexington street was a success. Bethel A. M. E. church was crowded Christmas night to hear the greatest singer of the age, Mme. Sissieretta Jones. Miss Florence Gray, the elocutionist, will recite at Chirurgical Hall in New York City. Miss Gray is a graduate of the High school and girls school of Oratory Cottage City, Pa. J. W. Allen has fitted a complete tonsorial parlor on St. Paul street at an expense of $750.00. Gordon Brown, the well know sport, defeated Daniel P. J. Jack, the pool shark of Richmond, Va., in his own city at a tournament. Edward Carty, the grocery dealer of Pierce and Pin is one of the most successful business men in town. Miss Florence Frisby will soon be married to Daniel Brooks. Miss Maggie Smith has gone to Philadelphia Miss Louisia Howard has returned home from Trappe, Md.

"The Fool and His Money."

Peoria, Ill., Special.

Friends of Rev J. S. Woods will be pleased to learn of his success at the convening of the Protective League in Detroit, Mich., he being elected president of the League in all the Northern states. Mrs. S. D. Fowler and son Jonnie left Wednesday for St. Louis. to make it their future home. Mrs. Jackson Thomas, James South and little Sophia Gibron are on the sick list. Rev. Thomas, of Quincy, Ill., ably filled the pulpit Sunday at the Mt. Zion Baptist church. The amusements for Christmas week were usually interesting at both churches. The dramas, "The Fool and his Money," and the "Double Life," composed by Messrs. Elmer Johnson and I. Robinson, were rendered by the American Stock Company, at the A. M. E. church. All are local talent. There were several cantatas given by the children.

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WATCHING THE OLD YEAR OUT.

The Custom Once Common In New England Has Nearly Passed Away.

An old fashioned "watch night" in New England or the middle states was until recently one of the institutions of this country. The keen, frosty air of the early evening bore upon its crystalline and twinkling depths the sound of numerous strings of sleighbells converging at the church. The well loaded cutters and the crowded sleighs hissed through the creaking snow, that stamped off with loud emphasis at the porch door, announced the arrival of each load. The interior of the church, heated to almost a point of discomfort by big stoves, still retains the decorations put up when the Christmas tree did service before its removal. The usual chatter and gossip soon subside. A solemn hush falls over the assembly, and when the first hymn is given out it is sung with more hearty uplift of tone than usual. The prayer is more fervent than usual, and the anthem that follows it is more like a dirge. The young elder, who is present, preaches an address, the tones of which fall on all hearts with a sadness that begets repentance. No such theme as this finds expression at any other portion of the year, "We all do fade as a leaf," and then he closes with Longfellow's mournful words:

> Howl, howl, and from the forest
>   Strip the red leaves away.
> Would the sins that thou abhorest,
>   O soul, could thus decay
>   And be swept away!
> Kyrie eleison! Christie eleison!

More singing, more prayers, all instinct with earnestness, and then a shrill voiced girl recites Prentice's "Dying Year,"

> 'Tis midnight's holy hour, etc.

Another Tennyson's "Old Year," then comes a breathless waiting, and the bell strikes, when a joyous "Amen!" is followed by a burst of song that every one joins in.—Chicago Tribune.

New Year Fairies In Wales.

Among the Welsh people fairies are known by the name of "y tylwyth teg," which means the fair folk or family, and are believed to have remarkable privileges on New Year's eve, at which time they are said to be rampant and to possess unusual power. They are thought to have a great fondness for children, and woe betide the fond mother who has in any way offended the tylwyth teg during the now dying year. Let such a mother watch carefully and unceasingly at the cradle where her darling lies sleeping on New Year's eve, for if she fails to do so the malicious fairies will come in her absence and steal away the child and susbstitute for it a "plentyn neuid," or changling, who, though it may at first be the exact counterpart of the stolen little one, will soon alter into a frightful looking, shrunken, puling brat, not unfrequently becoming idiotic. —New York World.

Debts Settled on New Year's.

On New Year's eve in Japan handfuls of beans are thrown about the rooms and over the threshold to exorcise evil spirits who may be about.

Before the new year the merchants endeavor to get in all the money that is owed to them and to pay or settle their own debts. As a consequence many things can be bought very cheaply at the end of the year, for ready money is the great desideratum. Men carrying trays of something looking like white wonms go through the streets crying, "Soba, soba!" the Japanese form of macaroni, which, eaten with soy sauce, is a favorite delicacy with the coolies and jinriksha men. For their little customers these men make all sorts of figures of devils, gods and animals from this paste.—Exchange.

French Canadian Jour de L'an.

A child prostrate before its father asking for his blessing on a New Year's morning. This is a typical custom among the French Canadians of the province of Quebec, and undoubtedly retained by French Canadians now resident in New England and other parts of this republic. The head of the family rises early New Year's morning, renews the fire on the hearth and in the stoves, and, seating himself in an armchair within the shadows of the Yule log, watches the embers and awaits the first of his offspring to ask for the paternal blessing on the glorious "jour de l'an." —Boston Globe.

Read the Bible New Year's Morning.

In many a Welsh household the first thing that is done by each member of the family on rising on New Year's morning is to consult the family Bible with a view to learning from it what the coming year has in store for the person seeking the information. This is done by reading the first verse upon which the eye falls, and the verse in question is believed to foretell in some way the good or ill fortune, the happiness or unhappiness, during the just begun new year of the person making the trial.—Exchange.

New Year Bells.

Of all sounds, of all bells most solemn and touching is the peal which rings out the old year. I never hear it without a gathering up of my mind to a concentration of all the images that have been diffused over the past twelvemonth. I begin to know the worth of that regretted time, as when a person dies.—Charles Lamb.

The Magic Bell.

The old year is dead, and hoary haired time
  High in the belfry is tolling his knell
  From the phantom rim of a magic bell,
And the world is swayed by its mystic chime.

For earth is the ponderous tongue that swings
  In the tower of time. The cathedral dim
  Is the universe, and the bell's huge rim
Is the ether blue as it rings and rings.

The chimes are the passions that sway men's souls—
  That tempt and inspire them. The thought, the deed,
  On this New Year's eve from the earth dross freed,
In one mighty vibration upward rolls,
And hushed are the voices around the throne,
As the Great Creator receives his own.

—Detroit Free Press.

GENERAL CONFERENCE NEWS.

Concluded From First Page.

posing stone, a post involving much experience and mechanical skill. He filled the bill with exceptional success during the period for which he was assigned. Mr. Benedict stands by competency and character, regardless of color.

The Riley sensation "went up like a meteor and came down like a stick." After Recorder Taylor's emphatic protest against its libelous character he was visited by the local representative of the Hartford Publishing Company, who instantly recognized the justice of the complaint, and gave assurances that the book would be permanently withdrawn from circulation. It is claimed that the preliminary edition consisted of but thirty-seven copies, and they went principally to newspapers and reviewers. Col. Taylor can be relied upon to take care of himself in a scrimmage.

Free-Lance.

Personal Mention.

James Allen is at Home. Mr. Brown of Flora. Ind., has accepted a position at Thomas Wilsons. Dr. Ford and wife of Clarksville, Tenn., who has been with us for some three months has returned to Clarksvile their former home. Dr. Ford and wife made many friends while in Logansport. May we have more such people like them come and stay. You will find The Freeman at 222 Market street any day after Wednesday.

Married.

Van Buren, Ark. Special.

The weather is bad, plenty of rain but hacks are running at the sound of wedding bells, Rev. W.W Erving was married the 18th to Miss Nellie B. Coleman, Rev. F. K. White officiated. Many whites were out at the church. The choir furnished good music.

Badly Cut.

Humboldt, Tenn., Special.

Eli Williams was cut very badly on the night of the 6th inst., on coming out of the C. A. M. E. church. Humboldt is moving on. John T. Crews was re-elected Mayor, which shows that he knew his business. He also takes The Freeman every time it comes in the city.

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Notice of Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given to William Bookwalter that George W. Bookwalter administrator of the estate of Joseph C. Bookwalter, deceased, has filed his final report and petition for the distribution of the estates of Jacob and Joseph C. Bookwalter among the heirs of said decedents and that the same will be heard in the Circuit Court of Cass county at the city of Logansport in the State of Indiana on the 20th day of December 1895, when said William Bookwalter must appear and prove his rights on said estates will be distributed upon the presumption of his death.

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Mention The Freeman.

RACE GLEANINGS.

Rev. J. M. Harris has donated forty acres of land to the Arkansas Baptist College.

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Lewis Bates is said to be the wealthiest colored man in Chicago. He is worth $500,000.

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Madam Sissaretta Jones, has returned from a trip and appeared recently at the People's Church, Boston, Mass.

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The Baltimore Mutual Aid society, a white insurance company of that city has in its employ nine colored agents.

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Paul Bray, ex-Council Waller's stepson has been given a position in the government building at Washington, D. C.

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C. J. Jones, a colored member of the Greenville, Miss., bar, has been admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of the U. S.

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Miss Ednorah Nahar, the charming elocutionist, gave a recital in this city Dec. 23rd. She appeared at Corinthian church.

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Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute at Tuskegee, Ala., has a new department devoted to the preparation for the ministry.

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The colored ladies of Boston, Mass. held a Chrysanthemum show recently and realized quite a sum of money for charitable purposes.

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Mrs. W. L. Dickson of Dallas, Tex., was recently elected superintendent of the African Missions and financial secretary of the state of Texas.

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A nine-year old colored girl who can whistle well, has been discovered by managers Davis and Keogh and will appear this season in "Down in Dixie."

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The Woman's Loyal Union of New York City will establish a library of colored authors, Mrs. Victoria Earle Matthews will take charge of the enterprise.

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Dr. Marcus Cargill a colored man, a Georgian by birth and a graduate of the Medical Department of the Howard University was recently elected to the Council by one of the largest majorities ever known in Baltimore, Md.

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The Negro Building at the Atlanta Exposition is an interesting study to those interested in the progress which has been made by that race in the industrial arts since the war. The exhibit made there has already astonished many and will astonish many more.

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Messrs. Thomas J. and J. J. Emery's gift of a new building for our orphans is highly appreciated by the President, Geo. W. Hayes and the Trustee board of this institution at Cincinnati, Ohio. Work on the structure will begin at once.

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Miss Clara Irene Ford, an Afro-American artist, has appeared successfully in the theatres of St. Petersburg and Berlin. A new contract has been signed for 4 years more.

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At a meeting in Boston, Dec. 1, in the interest of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute at which Gov. Frederick T. Greenhalge and Booker T. Washington were the chief speakers, a donation of over $3,000 was secured for the Tuskegee school.

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There is being exhibited at the Atlanta Exposition a set of surgical instruments of original design by Dr Carrie Golden, an Afro-American of Chicago, Ill.

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Hon. H. C. Smith, editor of the Cleveland Gazette, Prof. W. H. Parhamof Cincinat in dnʌ aWm. R. Steart of Youngstown have been elected members of the Ohio legislature. This is Mr. Smith's second term, and he received two thousand more votes than at his first election.

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The John Brown Charitable and Protective Association in Boston, Mass., held a meeting recently commemorative of the execution of their hero John Brown at Harpers Ferry, Va. 36 years ago, at the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, North Russel St. There was a large audience present, and much enthusiasm prevailed at the mere mentioning of the name of John Brown, the martyr for liberty in the United States.

Mrs. A. H. Jewel is president of the organization.

Visitors Entertained.

Shreveport, La., Special.

The C. M. E. conference was a success The Bishop preached at the court house on the 8th to a large audience. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Carter was surprised on the 13th by the Shreveport Club Party. Shreveport Lodge No. 5, K. of P. gave complimentary to Messrs. Terry, Rice, Wooten, and Lacey of the Richard's and Pringles Minstrels who joined the lodge three years ago. The party was served at Dr. D. A. Smith's residence. The oyster supper given by the sisters of St. Paul church was a grand success. John H. Patterson wishes to announce to his many friends that he will give them the latest news every week in The Freeman. He will also thank Miss Norington and Mrs. Burges and Gaskin for having patronizing him at the fair given at Lone Star Hall The fair given at Lone Star Hall from the 9th to the 14th was a good success. Mrs. Eliza Patterson left on the 10th for Los Angles Cal, where she is to be married to Mr. Glass Dure. Best wishes go with her. The A. M. E. annual conference is in session. The details will appear in the next weeks issue.

Local Happenings.

Ft. Wayne, Ind., Special.

Mrs. Frank Rule is visiting her father and mother at Alton, Ill. Mrs. E. Mayer is among friends in Casshoplass, Mich. The young men have organized a band. Miss Mattie Burnett has returned to her home in Kokomo, after a stay of two months. What will Isaiah Bassett do? Mrs. James Smith is not much better. E. W. Elliott and James Smith are sick, Burglars entered John Black's house last week, getting a small sum of money. James Smith will be in Lafayette and Marion a few days looking after the interest of the Chapters and Commandaries. Matchless Chapter will celebrate the birth of Christ the 22nd. Henry Levi is in Warsaw. I. E. James is at the Randall barber shop.

Accidental Death.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.

T. O. Grigsby, of 29 Gaslee street, has two very sick children. Henry Boyd, who was running the elevator at Gaston's Hotel on the night of Dec. 11th, by some means fell off and broke his neck. Mr. boyd was a member of Avery Chapel. A. Clarston was acquitted recently in the United States court of the charge of passing counterfeit money. Mrs. Laura J. Hill fell down stairs last week and fractured her skull. After several days of agony, she died and was buried the 15th. Mrs. Bettie Davis has the rheumatism.

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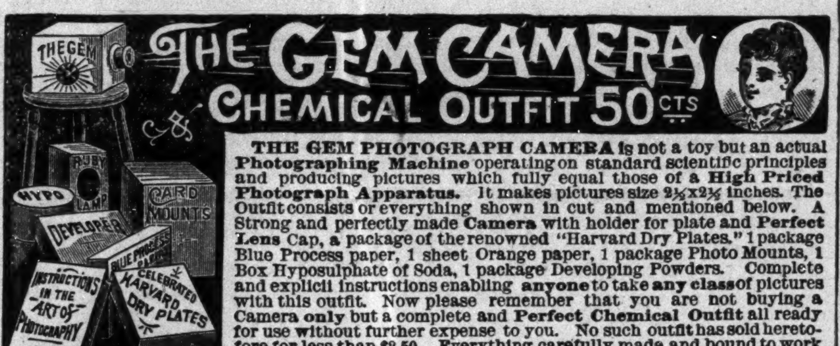
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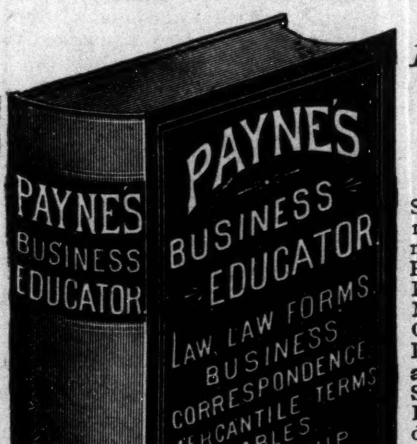

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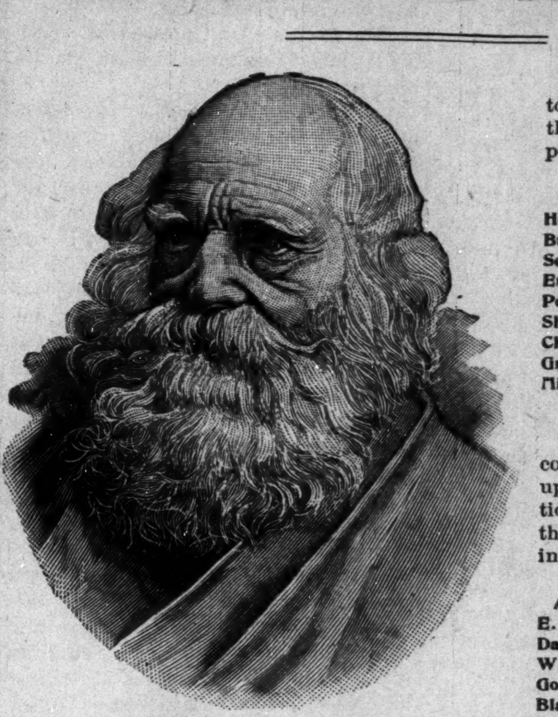

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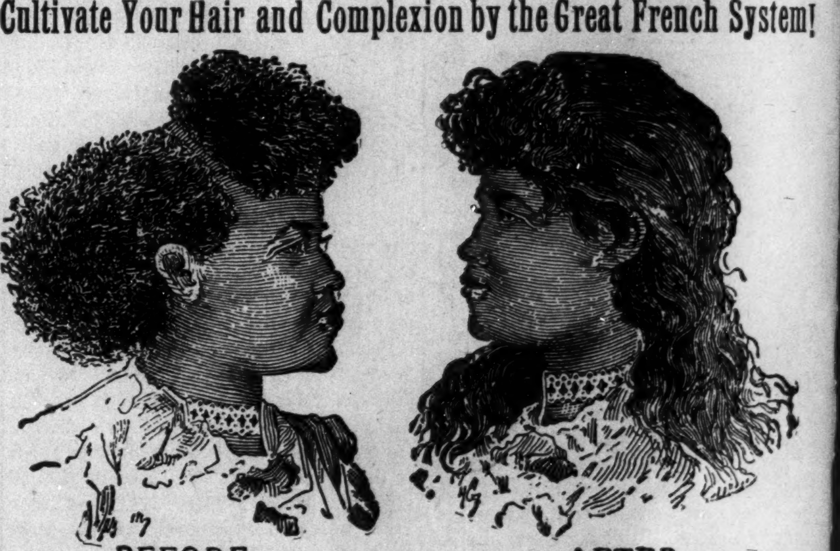

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NEW YEAR PORTENTS

ANCIENT SUPERSTITIONS REGARDING THE WEATHER.

The Twelve Days Succeeding Christmas Supposed to Be Indices For the Ensuing Year—Curious Customs and Beliefs of Many Lands.

The 12 days from Dec. 26 to Jan. 6 have long been recognized as indices of the weather during the following year. The ancient texts referred to distinctly assert this, a Sanscrit proverb running thus, "The 12 nights are an image of the year." Another text from the same sources evidently refers to the same period, "The Rhibhus (storm demons) sleep for 12 nights and days in the house of the sun god Savitar."

In northern Germany it is said that as the weather is during each of the 12 days, so it will be during the corresponding months of the year to come. A like belief exists to this day in Lancashire and Northamptonshire, England, and a very old writer (1590) records the current notion in his day that the 12 days served as an index of the coming year's weather. It was said in one English port that if the wind blew hard on the fifth night (Dec. 30), ships at sea would be in great peril the coming year.

The inhabitants of the Vosges mountains restrict this prophesying period to that of our holidays, from Christmas to New Year's, and are willing only to say that these six days indicate the character of the weather for the succeeding six months.

In one part of our own country it is said that "the first three days of January rule the coming three months," while in another place the 12 days are said to be the "keys of the year."

Of New Year's day itself we have the authority of a very old weather prophet—the author of the "Shepherd's Kalendar"—for the generally ominous portents to be drawn from the weather on that day, "If New Year's day in the morning open with dusky red clouds, it denotes strife and debates among the great ones and many robberies that year." More recently it is said of this day, "If the morning of New Year's day is red, it portends foul weather and great need." While of the second day of the year it is said, "As the weather is this day, so it will be in September."

In the "Book of Presidents" (precedents), 1614, Jan. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 are set down as unlucky days. Another chronicle says: "January.—Of this first month, the opening day, and seventh, like a sword will slay."

The first day of the year is often regarded as the proper time to make certain divinations with reference to many events affecting the future. In Northamptonshire the master of the family then tempts fate by opening the Bible with his eyes shut and obtaining from the passage first touched with his finger some indication of the events of the coming year.

Among the Wends young maidens hasten the advent of the chosen husband by going to the henhouse on New Year's eve, striking the perch right among the hens, while repeating to themselves the following doggerel:

If cackles the hen,
You will have a man;
If cackles the hen,
Who knows when?

Certain observances are supposed to obtain luck for the year following. In one part of modern Greece all in the house go out early New Year's morning, then return to the dwelling bearing each a branch on which the leaves are well dried. These are cast on the open fire, each wishing at the same time good luck to the family. The drier the leaves, the greater the flame and the better the augury.

In the north of England new clothes are put on for luck the first day of the year.

An odd ceremony is recorded of one locality in England. Bands of straw were put under the feet on New Year's day while at table. When the meal was finished, one person got under the table and another one sat on his back and drew out the bands of straw. These were taken to the orchard and bound round trees, which were thereby insured to bear a full crop of fruit the next year.

In parts of France it is regarded as unlucky to lend anything on New Year's day.

The fire must be watched with great care on the first day of the year. In Lancashire, England, it is said that if it do not burn through the night of New Year's eve, bad luck will visit the household that year; nor must any one be given a live coal, or even a lighted candle at this time, for the bad luck will then visit the recipient of the gift.

At Auspach the shadow thrown on the wall by the candles on the Christmas tree, on New Year's evening will, if any one is to die soon, represent his shadow headless.

In Roumania the New Year begins with a ceremony of blessing the waters, the priest performing a mass and sprinkling the streams with holy water while blessing them.—St. Louis Republic.

Queer Welsh Beliefs.

In many parts of Wales to see one's shadow in the moonlight upon New Year's eve is believed to be an infallible sign that the person seeing it will die before the expiration of the coming New Year, and there is also a popular superstition that if an unmarried woman should see her face reflected in water on New Year's eve it is an infallible sign that she is destined to live and die in a state of single blessedness.—New York World.

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A Few Paragraphs From the Pens of Newspaper Philosophers on the Flight of Time.

In our boyhood time walks, in middle life it ambles, and in old age it pants in breathless haste to reach the goal and have done with us. A day is a week to the child, and a week is but a day to the aged.—New York Herald.

The months may speed as they will. The days may come and go like lightning flashes. Age may creep on apace and youth hasten to middle life. November blasts may chill and December snows cover the sod like a shroud. It matters little. There will be other years in other climes, and the work we leave unfinished will be brought to completion after the grass has grown on our graves. —Unidentified.

No time is so short as that of the man who has passed the three score milestone. The clock no longer ticks the seconds away, but the days. The very weeks flash by. Hardly do the flowers of April bloom before the frosts of October set in, and hardly do the frosts carve fantastic pictures on the window pane before the sun of another spring makes the meadow green once more.—Exchange.

Time was when it was considered a sure sign of death before the next New Year to see your own shadow in the moonlight on the 1st of January.

January is still called by the old Celtic name—Juis Genver, the cold month —in Cornwall, England. The Saxons called it Wolf Monat, because the wolves were unusually ravenous in January. By the Saxon it was termed Aefer-Yule.

Pins were invented in the sixteenth century at Gloucester, England. They straightway became a popular New Year's present, but later money for their purchase, called "pin money," was given instead.

In the days of our European forbears it was believed that unless misfortune were courted no one should leave the house on New Year's day till some one had entered, and the visitor to bring a fine brand of good luck should be a dark haired man.

Black cats, generally thought to be of extremely evil omen by the superstitious, are considered lucky visitors on New Year's day.

In Wales fires are frequently burned on Jan. 1 to purify the house for the entrance of the new year and the ashes of these fires are often kept most sacredly from year to year. They are supposed to possess special medicinal virtues, being particularly efficacious against "falling sickness" or fits.

Juggling With Figures.

The peculiarity of the date of 1896 is its involved connection with the digit 3. As that number is regarded by those who hold superstitious belief as a proverbially lucky one, from its association with certain Biblical events, it is to be hoped that the coming annual cycle may prove this one particular theory to be true, and that Jan. 1 will usher in an auspicious season of material and financial prosperity.

The number 1896 is equally divisible by 3. So is the sum of its digits, 1 plus 8 plus 9 plus 6 (and the reverse is necessarily the same) equaling 24, which, again united, 2 plus 4, equals 6. Separating its hundreds from the tens, 18 and 96 or 81 and 69, they are still multiples of 3. The sum of the first and last digits, 1 plus 6, equals 7. Added to the two middle figures they produce 96, which is the last two units of the date, being equally divisible by 3, as is its sum, 9 plus 6, equals 15.

The centuries 18 are divisible wholly by 9, 6 and 3; the number reversed, 81, by 9 and by 3, by the product of these two numbers (9 multiplied by 3) 27, and the sum of the digits, 1 plus 8, equals 9. The sum of the first two figures in the date, represented as digits, equals the third. Eighteen plus 96 equals 114, and 96 minus 18 equals 78, over which the mystic 3 has full control, as it does over the sum of the digits in these latter numbers, 1 plus 1 plus 4 equals 6, and 7 plus 8 equals 15. And 15 minus 6 equals 9, while 15 plus 6 equals 21, the sum of whose digits, 2 plus 1, equals 3. The product of the digits in the year, 1 multiplied by 8 by 9 by 6, equals 432, a multiple of 3, and the sum of the unit figures, 4 plus 3 plus 2 is 9. Eighteen minus 9 equals 9, and 9 minus 6 equals 3.

From this can be derived the infallible rule that when the sum of the digits of any number is equally divisible by 3 the number itself is a common multiple. For instance the numbers 261 (equals 9) and 3441 (equals 12) must necessarily be equally divisible by the mysterious factor 3. ALBERT P. SOUTHWICK.

Old English New Year's Customs.

There is one ceremony common to England and Scotland which is sometimes observed in the United States on New Year's eve—that is the ringing of the bells to announce the death of the old year and the birth of the new. In many churches an impressive service is held at the hour of midnight. Another English custom is the one of sitting up on the last night of the year till 12 o'clock, and as the hour strikes, the outer door is opened and with great formality they "let out the old and let in the new." The "mummers" or "guisers" play an important part in the celebration of New Year's in Scotland. All the boys in the village who can sing practice songs for the occasion, and on the important night they borrow old shirts from their fathers and cut out brown paper miters, from which hang masks that conceal their faces. Each guiser is accompanied by a squire dressed as a girl, who goes before him to open the door when he sings. While the song is in progress she sweeps the floor with a broomstick or plays some curious prank. They receive in return small pieces of money.

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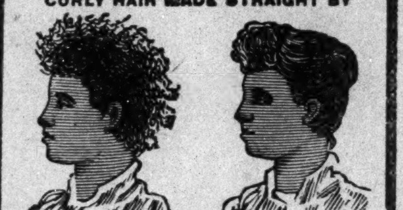

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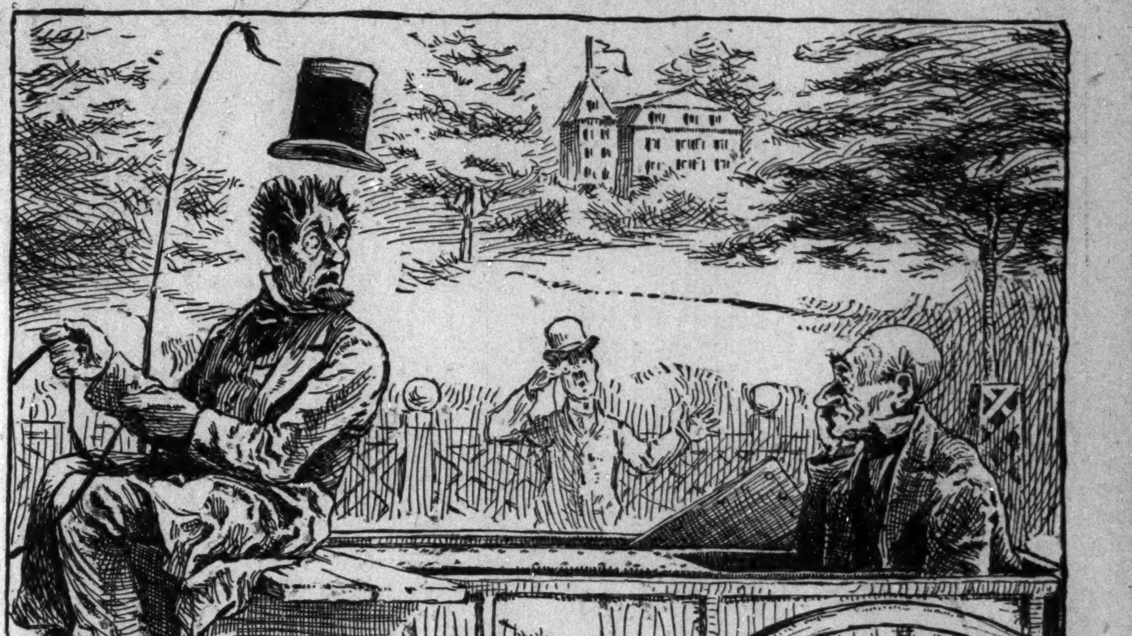
A few days after this, Josiah Allen came in, and sez he, "The everlastin' spring is the one for me, Samantha! I believe it will keep me alive for hundreds and hundreds of years." Sez I, "I don't believe that, Josiah Allen."

"Wall, it is so, whether you believe it or not. Why, I see a feller jest now who sez he don't believe anybody would ever die at all, if they kep' themselves kinder wet through all the time with this water."

"Oh, shaw!" sez I. (I seldom say shaw, but this seemed to me a time for shawin'.)

But Josiah kep' on, for he wus fearfully excited. Sez he, "Why, the fellow said, there wuz a old man who lived right by the side of this spring, and felt the effects of it inside and out all the time, it wuz so healthy there. Why the old man kep' on a livin', and a livin', till he got to be a hundred. And he wuz kinder lazy naturally and he got tired of livin'. He said he wuz tired of gettin' up mornin's and dressin' of him, tired of pullin' on his boots and drawin' on his trowses, and he told his grandson Sam to take him up to Troy and let him die.



"Wall, Sam took him up to Troy, and he died right away, almost. And Sam bein' a good hearted chap, thought it would please the old man to be buried down by the spring, that healthy spot. So he took him back there in a wagon he borrowed. And when he got clost to the spring, Sam heard a sithe, and he looked back, and there the old gentleman wuz a settin' up a leanin' his head on his elbo, and he sez, in a sort of a sad way, not mad, but melancholly, **'You hadn't ort to done it, Sam. You hadn't ort to. I'm in now for another hundred years.'"**

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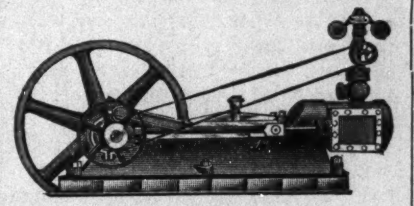

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Robert Walker is out again.

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W. S. Rollins left Tuesday night for Chicago.

Miss Lillie James is visiting friends at Marion.

Willis Kersey has moved to 280 West Sixth street.

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—Grant H. Clay, dentist, 95 North Delaware street.

S. Scofield Furr is arranging to start a dancing academy.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie McCary are with friends in Toledo, O.

W. C. Brown will spend part of the holidays at Lebanon.

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Miss Sadie B Taylor of Louisville is visiting Mrs. Belle Davis.

Rev. E. A. White of Cleveland, O., was in the city last week.

Mrs. John Becks and daughter Beula left for Chicago Tuesday.

Miss Ermine Watkins was the guest of Logansport friends this week.

W. H. Searcy and wife of Chicago are spending the holidays in the city.

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John Starling will spend the holidays in Terre Haute and Evansville.

Randolph E. Barbour spent Christmas at Columbns, O., with his sister.

Miss Taggart of St. Louis, Mo., is the guest of her cousin, Miss Lillie Hill.

Rev. Lewis Pettiford and family will spend the holidays at Danville, Ind.

A. B. Sykes and wife of Muncie were visiting relatives and friends in the city.

Miss Bessie Brunswick of Vincennes is the guest of Elder Murray and wife.

Emancipation Day Jan. 1st will be celebrated at Bethel church at 2 p. m

R. E. Barbour is making a name for himself as journalist at the Trinity Mission Lyceum.

Anderson Brown of the "Old Kentucky Troupe," has returned home for the holidays.

Some of the best talent will appear at Bethel church Jan. 1st at the Emancipation concert.

Miss Mary McKnight of Xenia, O., is spending the holidays with friends on the South side,

John Reynolds of 72 Jones street, entertained a number of his friends Wednesday evening.

Miss Ednorah Nahar is stopping at the residence of Mrs. C. A. Webb, 18 Bismark street.

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By request to-morrow Elder Murray will preach from the theme, "Dry Bones in the Valley.

Mrs. Martha Parks of Kalamazoo, Mich., is the guest of her son, William Parks, 277 Park avenue.

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Rev. L. M. Hagood, D. D., will speak at Good Citizens' Meeting to be held at Tomlinson Hall, Jan. 15, '96.

Rev. H. H. Harris preached to the Order of the Eastern Stars at Corinthian last Sunday at 3 p. m.

C. C. Edwards of Greensburg, Ky., and not William Edwards attended the Massey-Edwards wedding last week.

Bruce Williams has taken charge of the city department of The Freeman. All local matter can be handed to him.

Great preparations are being made for the Emancipation Celebration on the first of January. Hon Geo. L. Knox will speak on the "Colored Man as a Slave."

Gladstone Patterson, aged eighty-two, died at the poor farm last Saturday and was buried Monday by Undertaker Foutz.

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Revs. Alexander Smith, A. L. Murray and Lewis Pettiford attended the funeral of Rev. McDaniels at Logansport Friday Dec. 20th.

Rev. Lewis Pettiford of the Trinity Mission, has been appointed to fill the unexpired term of the late Rev. McDaniels at Logansport.

Miss May Martin and Gatin Walker were married at the residence of the bride's mother, 108 Maple street, Tuesday evening, Oct. 23rd.

The Ladies' Quartette, composed of Mesdames Maggie Snowden, Ellen Cosby, Susie Hill-Lewis and Miss Eastman will sing at Allen Chapel Monday evening, Dec. 30th.

The Rev. Mrs. Nancy Slaughter of Danville, Ky., Worthy Grand Matron of the state, is visiting Mrs. Minter, 221 West Second street, where she will be pleased to meet her friends.

Mrs. Lightfoot and Miss Ward of Cincinnati were in the city Monday. They were the guests of Mrs. Al Henderson.

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Miss Ednorah Nahar will give a Dramatic Recital at Vermont street church Jan. 9th at which time she will present her famous scene of Cleopatra in Egyptian costume, also the famous curse scene from "Leah, the Forsaken," in costume, with other selections never given in this city.

To-morrow is rally day at Corinthian Baptist church. Each member will contribute $1.00, and with the general collection they hope to clear the church of its present incumbrance. There will also be Missionary services held in the afternoon by the Baptist Sunday school Union. Public invited.

Social Gatherings.

Miss Lillie Hill entertained the Twentieth Century Club at her residence, Friday evening, Dec. 27th.

Miss Ruth Higgs is entertaining during the holidays in honor of her guest, Miss Mary Hicks of Louisville, Ky.

The Acme Club will receive their friends at the residence of Mrs. G. L. Knox, 128 West Vermont street to meet Miss Ednorah Nahar.

Mr. and Mrs. Remus Moore entertained a few of their many friends, Tuesday evening at their cosy home, No. 35 Camp street.

The Launfaul Reading Circle will be entertained Monday evening Dec. 30th by the Misses Wilson, residence College avenue, at which time Rev H. H. Harris will lecture.

Miss Nannie Riffe will entertain today from 2 to 4. Her guest of honor will be Miss Taggart of St. Louis. Miss Riff will be assisted by the young ladies of the Century Club.

Cards are out, announcing that the Twentieth Century Club will give their first annual "party" Jan. 3, '96 at Mansur Hall. Much has been done to make this a grand affair, and there is no doubt that it will be one of the finest of the seasons. The members of the Club are: Miss Katherine Baughman, president; Miss Kittie Mann, secretary; Miss Mamie Brown, treasurer; Misses Georgia Stevenson, Izora Brooks, Lillian Hill, Margaret Ewing, Mamie Skinner, Nannie Riffe.

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Rev. A. L. Murray is certainly the right man in the right place, voluntarily exclaimed the Freeman man as he left the impressive services conducted in his church on Broadway last Sunday evening. Song service was held the music being furnished by a juvenile and adult choir. The choir music was effective, being assisted by several musical instruments. Solos were rendered and in short, the music created such divine inspiration that the whole church was visibly affected. Before services the young eloquent divine Harvey Young, read the Apostles creed with parhos. Mr. Benson read the notices. Rev. Murray commented on them afterwards. Remarks were made by a few. Among them who talked was George L. Knox who by special reqnest of the pastor had come forward. Rev. Murray seems the personification of tact and sincerity, compelling those about him to become permeated with his goodly qualities.

The Body Was Buried.

Mrs. Amelia Patterson reported to the police station that her father, Gladstone Patterson, 82 years old died at the poor farm Saturday and his body was delivered to Undertaker Foutz. She stated that Foutz told her that the body would be buried at Mt. Jackson Cemetery Monday at 10 o'clock, and that she waited there till noon, but the undertaker did not put in his appearance. She asked that the matter be investigated by the police. Mr. Foutz in stating the case to a Freeman representative says he plainly told Mrs. Patterson that it would cost $5.00 to have the burial take place at Mt. Jackson. It seems that she had no money to pay for the burial, and there was nothing left for him to do but bury the body at the poor farm Monday afternoon. Supt. Yager stated to the police that the body was buried by Mr. Foutz Monday afternoon.

An Array of Talent.

The Dramatic Recital and Musicale at the Corinthian church was well attended in spite of the inclement weather. Miss Nahar was star of the evening and we cannot say too much in praise of her work. Other numbers on the program were well rendered. Misses Kincaid, Stevens, and Mesdames Johnston and Posey deserve special credit.

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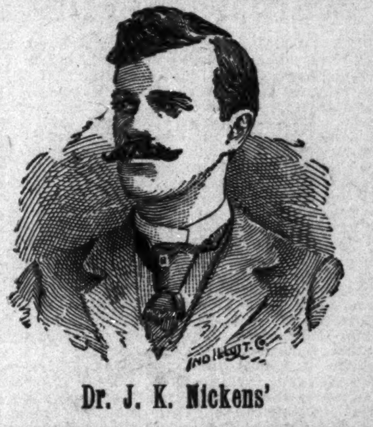
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